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News Release

Applications Invited to Serve on Five Assessment Stakeholder Subcommittees

The Assessment Stakeholders Committee invites all interested educators and community members including business representatives and representatives from higher education to apply for one of five subcommittees being formed in the effort to develop and adopt a revised system of statewide assessments.

Under the Colorado Preschool to Postsecondary Alignment Act, S.B.08-212 or the Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids, Colorado is required to adopt revised content standards by December 2009 and to adopt a revised system of assessments that aligns with the updated state content standards by December 2010. The Colorado Department of Education is seeking applicants to participate in this assessment redesign process.

To guide this work, the 35-member Assessment Stakeholders Committee has created subcommittees to work on the following five topics:

1. School Readiness and Early Childhood Assessment
2. Postsecondary Readiness Assessment
3. Summative Assessment subcommittee (No Child Left Behind requirements)
4. Growth Subcommittee, including formative (interim or benchmark) assessments
5. Assessment for Special Populations

Applications for subcommittee membership will be accepted through Tuesday, Dec. 1. Subcommittee members will be notified of their selection by Monday, Dec. 14. The subcommittees will meet twice in January and twice in February 2010.

To apply, please complete the online application at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=y_2fVBO_2fSKZgvRsPIOZsSBhA_3d_3d. Once you have completed the application, please e-mail your resume to Emmy Glancy at glancy_e@cde.state.co.us. If you have questions, please e-mail Emmy Glancy or call her at 303-866-6678.

The new test is expected to be implemented for the first time in the 2011-2012 school year and will follow the rollout of the new state model content standards.

Background information about the process can be found at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/asmtrev/home>

The next meeting of the entire Assessment Stakeholders Committee is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 11 in Denver. (Note: this meeting was originally scheduled for Colorado Springs but the location has changed. A venue for the meeting is yet to be announced.)

For more information, contact Mark Stevens, 303-866-3898, or Megan McDermott, 303-866-2334, in the CDE Office of Communications. To sign up for the CDE e-mail news service, please visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/index.html>.

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