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News Release

Assessment Stakeholder Committee Will Meet Monday, Jan. 11 In Pueblo

The Assessment Stakeholders Committee, working in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Education, will gather on Monday, Jan. 11 in the ongoing effort to redesign the assessment system that the state uses to measure student achievement and growth. This is the fourth of six meetings.

The meeting will be held at the Pueblo Marriott (100 W. 1st St.) in Pueblo from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Jan. 11 agenda includes:

- Policy Advice
 - Budget
 - Race to the Top
 - Subcommittee timelines
 - Stakeholder timelines
- Current Colorado Law
- Discussion of State Consortia
- Results of the Public Assessment Survey
- Developing Assessment Design Specifications
 - Review of guiding principles
 - Developing specifications in small groups

- Next steps

On Oct. 26, the Assessment Stakeholder Committee convened in Denver for their first meeting. At this initial meeting, stakeholders accepted the charge to provide advice to the commissioner of the education and state board of education concerning a redesign of the system of assessment in Colorado.

According to Senate Bill 08-212, the state board will give approval for a plan to redesign assessments by Dec. 2010. The new statewide assessment system 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.

In addition to incorporating the expectations of the updated state content standards, the new assessment system will also meet requirements of S.B. 08-212, which calls for establishing a seamless pathway from preschool into college or the workplace. S.B. 08-212 is also known as the "Preschool to Postsecondary Education Alignment Act" or the Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K).

Stakeholders include superintendents, chief academic officers, university professors, community members, business representatives, assessment directors, representatives from the early childhood community, military representatives, local board members and many others.

S.B. 08-212 is also the legislation that required the Colorado Department of Education to revise the content standards for 13 subjects. The Colorado State Board of Education formally adopted the new content standards on December 11, 2009.

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