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## **News Release**

### ***Assessment Review Subcommittee Members Announced***

Seventy eight individuals have been selected from a pool of more than 400 applicants to participate on subcommittees that will review and help develop Colorado's next generation of student assessments. Each subcommittee will be charged with designing specific instruments, including assessments for school readiness, postsecondary readiness and formative (mid-year) and summative (year-end) assessments. One committee will also work on new assessments for special populations of students.

"The Colorado Department of Education and Commissioner Jones, along with the Assessment Stakeholders Committee members selected the subcommittee members based on their professional experience, geographic region, experience with gifted and talented students, students with disabilities and English Language Learners and approach to changing assessments," said Standards and Assessments Assistant Commissioner Jo O'Brien. "We are thrilled with the expertise and commitment to education displayed by our new committee members."

The subcommittee selection process was conducted using a blind review.

The previously announced meetings are rescheduled and the subcommittee work will begin in late spring. More information will be available as the process moves forward.

For a list of selected subcommittee members and continued updates, please visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/ASMTRev/Subcommittees.htm>

## **Background**

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.

For more information visit

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/asmtrev/home.htm>

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