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News Release

Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board Will Hold Fourth Meeting Friday, Jan. 29

The Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board will meet for the fourth time on Friday, Jan. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The public meeting will be held in the conference center at the Community College System Lowry campus, 1061 Akron Way, Bldg. 697 in Denver.

The Jan. 29 combined work session and board meeting agenda includes:

- Overview of Operating Procedures
- Committee Reports
 - Communication
 - ASCENT procedures
 - Cooperative agreement
 - Funding priorities
 - Forms subcommittees
- Approval of agenda/minutes
- Public input
- Approval of action items from work session
- Action items from Jan. 8 board meeting
- Action plans and next steps

The 13-member board is charged with overseeing programs that allow students to simultaneously enroll in high school and college.

The board was created by the Colorado State Legislature through House Bill 09-1219 and Senate Bill 09-285.

The resulting Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act is designed to broaden access to and improve the quality of concurrent enrollment programs, improve coordination between institutions of secondary education and institutions of higher education and ensure financial transparency and accountability. The act also created the "5th year" ASCENT program for students retained by the high school for instruction beyond the senior year.

Board members are appointed to three-year terms by the governor, the commissioner of education and the executive director of the department of higher education. The director of career and technical education within the state system of community and technical colleges also serves as a board member and the state board for community colleges and occupational education also makes one appointment to the board.

For more information, visit http://www.cde.state.co.us/scripts/reforms/detail.asp?itemid=576304

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