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## **News Release**

### ***Facility Schools Board Meeting Agenda for Friday, Feb. 5***

The next meeting of the Facility Schools Board is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 5 in Lakewood.

The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. until the conclusion of the agenda at Warren Tech, 13300 W. 2nd Place, Founders' Room, in Lakewood.

The meeting agenda includes:

- Approval of minutes from prior meeting
- Approval of agenda
- "Smart Schools" demonstration
- Facility Schools Unit update
- Legislative update
- Board member terms and process
- Graduation requirements work group
- Opportunity for the public to address the board

Meetings of the Facility Schools Board are generally scheduled for the first Friday of each month. All meetings will be held at Warren Tech, 13300 W. 2nd Place, in Lakewood. Meetings generally begin at 8 a.m. and end at the conclusion of the agenda unless otherwise announced.

### **2010 Meeting Dates**

Meetings are also scheduled for March 5, April 9, May 7 and June 4.

### **About the Facility Schools Board**

House Bill 08-1204, the Facility Schools Bill, establishes a board that consists of seven members appointed by the Colorado State Board of Education. The Facility Schools Board will work to improve the educational outcomes of students placed in residential, day treatment and hospital programs.

The board will adopt curriculum standards and set graduation requirements for facility schools. It is also charged with adopting accountability measures, including academic performance measures and awarding high school diplomas to students in approved facility schools who meet the graduation requirements.

In addition, the legislation requires the implementation of a statewide student data system to maintain grades and transcripts of students in facilities. A new office was created within CDE to perform administrative responsibilities related to facility schools.

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