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**News Release**

***Town Hall Meetings in Cortez and Alamosa Next Week  
Continue Next Phase Of CAP4K And Assessment Revision  
Effort***

The Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Department of Higher Education will jointly host town hall meetings in Cortez on Tuesday, Feb. 23 and in Alamosa on Wednesday, Feb. 24, as part of the ongoing effort to redesign the state assessment system.

The meeting in Cortez will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Mesa Verde Room, 23390 Road K, in Cortez.

The meeting in Alamosa will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Adams State College, Student Union Bldg. (#32), Room 309, 208 Edgemont Blvd., in Alamosa.

Educators, students, parents, business and community members and interested citizens are invited to the meeting.

The statewide meetings solicit a broad spectrum of community thinking. The work was launched by Senate Bill 08-212, the "Preschool to Postsecondary

Education Alignment Act," also known as the Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K).

To accommodate in-depth conversation on each end of the system, the 2009 – 2010 tour is split into two parts: one devoted to school readiness and assessments for primary grades; and one devoted to postsecondary and workforce readiness and assessments for secondary grades.

The postsecondary and workforce readiness and secondary assessment meetings will take place from 5 to 7 p.m., the dates and locations are:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 24 at in Alamosa** at Adams State College, Student Union Building (#32), Room 309, 208 Edgemont Blvd.
- **Thursday, March 4 in Pueblo** at Pueblo Community College, Hoag Theatre—Academic Building, 900 West Orman Ave.
- **Wednesday, March 31 in Greeley** at UNC—University Center, Columbine A, 2045 10th Ave.

The other set of meetings will emphasize school readiness and primary (P-6) level assessments. They will also be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at these locations:

- **Tuesday, Feb. 23 in Cortez** at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Mesa Verde Room, 23390 Road K.
- **Wednesday, March 17 in Steamboat Springs** at Steamboat Springs Community Center, 1605 Lincoln Ave.
- **Wednesday, March 24 in Glenwood Springs** at Glenwood Springs Community Center, Red Mountain Road, 100 Wulfsohn Road.

A schedule of these meetings can be found on either department's Web site:  
<http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/cap4k/cap4k.html>  
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/ASMTRev/publictour.htm>

Senate Bill 212 was enacted in 2008. Last year the Colorado State Board of Education adopted descriptions of what it means to be both school ready and postsecondary and workforce ready. In addition, the new Colorado Academic Standards were adopted on December 10, 2009.

Under CAP4K, Colorado is required to adopt a revised system of assessments that aligns with the updated state content standards. The

revised system must include both school readiness and postsecondary and workforce readiness assessments; summative assessment; and the assessments for special populations (English Language Learners and students on an Individualized Education Plan).

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