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News Release

Assessment Stakeholder Committee's Next Meeting Will Be Via Conference Call on Friday, Feb. 26

The Assessment Stakeholders Committee, working in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Education, will hold a conference call on Friday, Feb. 26 from 9 to 10 a.m., in the ongoing effort to redesign the assessment system that the state uses to measure student achievement and growth.

The Feb. 26 agenda includes:

- CDE Updates
 - Race to the Top
 - Legislative activity
 - WestEd study and reporting
 - Postsecondary and workforce readiness assessment pilot
 - Joint regional town hall assessment S.B. 09-212 tour
- Stakeholder updates
- Other business
 - Subcommittee recommendations
- Next steps
 - Timeline
 - Assessment transition in the field

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.

For call-in information, visit

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/ASMTRev/stakeholders.htm>

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