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News Release

Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board Will Hold Fifth Meeting Monday, March 15

The Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board will meet for the fifth time on Monday, March 15 from 9 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.

This meeting is an opportunity for the public to provide input on ASCENT and concurrent enrollment guidelines. The March 15 combined work session and formal meeting agenda includes:

Work Session

- Overview/Goals
- Document Review for Final Public Comment
 - ASCENT Guidelines
 - ASCENT and Concurrent Enrollment Forms
 - Cooperative Agreements
 - Rules Drafting
- College Opportunity Fund eligibility and in-state tuition

Formal Meeting

- Welcome, roll call, approval of agenda, approval of minutes
- Public input
- Approval of action items from work session

- Approval of ASCENT Guidelines, Concurrent Enrollment Forms and Cooperative agreement templates
- Action items from the Feb. 22 board meeting
- Action plan 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.

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