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**News Release**

***Town Hall Meeting in Greeley Next Week Wraps Up Next Phase Of CAP4K And Assessment Revision Effort***

The Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Department of Higher Education will jointly host a town hall meeting in Greeley on Wednesday, March 31, as part of the ongoing effort to redesign the state assessment system.

The meeting will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the University of Northern Colorado – University Center, Columbine A, 2045 10th Ave., in Greeley. The meeting will focus on postsecondary and workforce readiness and secondary level assessments.

Educators, students, parents, business and community members and interested citizens are invited to the meeting which will be facilitated by Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones.

This, the last of 13 statewide meetings, solicits 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).

Senate Bill 08-212 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).

The results of the tour will be compiled and published on the CDE and DHE Web sites in April. Public feedback will help inform the assessment revision process as it continues this spring with the work of the Assessment Stakeholders Committee and in collaboration with subcommittee members.

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