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News Release

State Board Meeting Agendas For Wednesday, April 14 and Thursday, April 15

The Colorado State Board of Education this week will hold regular meetings on Wednesday, April 14 and Thursday, April 15.

The meetings will begin each day at 9 a.m. in the first-floor board room at the Colorado Department of Education offices, 201 E. Colfax Ave. in Denver. The April 14 meeting is expected to run all day; the April 15 meeting is expected to end at noon.

Following are the agendas:

Wednesday, April 14

- State board of education reports
- Director of state board relations report
- Communications office report
- Legislative update
- Analysis of the costs of Colorado's Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K)
- Standards and assessments update
- Orientation to the standards implementation strategic plan

- Executive session (over lunch)
- Recognition of Colorado's outstanding educators, Distinguished Title I Teachers Bernadette and Susan Medina from Las Animas Elementary School.
- 1:30 p.m. (timed item)—Charter School Appeal, Colorado Distance and Electronic Learning vs. Charter School Institute.
- 3:15 p.m. (timed item)—Rulemaking hearing on the rules governing dropout prevention and student re-engagement. The Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement Act (Article 14 of Title 22 of the Colorado Revised Statutes) requires the Colorado State Board of Education to promulgate permanent rules for:
 - Establishing criteria for identifying high priority and priority local education providers;
 - Implementing the Student Re-engagement Grant Program;
 - Defining and calculating the student dropout rate, graduation rate, completion rate, student re-engagement rate, truancy rate, student mobility rate, suspension rate and expulsion rate.

The rules, if adopted by the board at the April 15 meeting, will become effective Monday, May 31, 2010.

- 3:30 p.m. (timed item)—Rulemaking hearing on rules concerning parental notification upon an arrest made or charges brought against a school employee.

The proposed rule requires that parents of students in a school are notified when an arrest is made or charges are brought against an employee of a school, if the arrest or charges are based on specific offenses described in the rule.

Under the rule, the local board of education, charter school board, board of cooperative educational services would be required, after consulting with the charging criminal justice agency, to notify all parents of the students enrolled in a school when an arrest is made or charges are brought, whichever occurs earlier. The notification would be sent by electronic means or by mail within a 24-hour period from the time the notifying party learned of the arrest or charge, whichever occurs

earlier, or upon such later date, if requested by the arresting criminal justice agency.

The proposed rule would require that the notification to parents shall include the name of the employee, his or her position at the school, whether or not the employee continues to be employed at the school, the length of his or her employment, the alleged offense as set forth in the charge (for instance, violation of state statute or municipal code) and a statement providing that under state and federal laws, a person is innocent until proven guilty.

The notification shall not describe the underlying facts of the case, and shall not disclose the identity of the alleged victim if the alleged victim is a student in the school community.

Parental notification would be required only when the employee is arrested or charged with a felony offense, a misdemeanor offense or municipal ordinance violation involving unlawful sexual behavior, a misdemeanor offense or municipal ordinance violation involving children, a misdemeanor offense or municipal ordinance violation involving indecent exposure, driving under the influence or driving while ability impaired.

Among other provisions in the proposed rule, notification to parents would be made whether or not the actions giving rise to the arrest or charge were taken while the employee was acting within the scope of his or her employment with the school.

Information Only

- Rules for the administration of the Teacher of the Year program and Alternative Teacher Licensing.
- Rules governing the renewable energy and energy efficiency for the Schools Loan Program.
- Rules for the administration of the accountability of alternative campuses.
- Resolution in support of healthy and fit students.

Thursday, April 15

- Briefing on the TELL (Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning) survey of Colorado educators.
- The Colorado Legacy Foundation—an overview of objectives.
- Commissioner Dwight D. Jones—monthly report.

Action Items

- Approval of recommended appointments to the Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee.
- Approval of requests for initial emergency authorizations (monthly total, 12).
- Approval of the principal/administrator induction program submitted by Colorado Connections Academy.
- Approval of a waiver request from certain statutes for Falcon School District 49 on behalf of Rocky Mountain Classical Academy.
- Approval of waiver request from certain statutes by the Charter School Institute on behalf of Provost Academy Colorado State Charter School.
- Approval of the notice of rulemaking for the rules for the administration of concurrent enrollment programs.
- Approval of notice of rulemaking to amend rules for the administration, certification and oversight of Colorado online programs to align with the Education Accountability Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 09-163).
- Annual acknowledgement of school districts regarding Exclusive Charter Authority status.
- Approval of certification of online program for Colorado Calvert Academy.
- Approval of certification of the online program for Colorado Pathways.

- Approval of certification of the online program for Poudre School District Online Academy.
- Approval of certification of the online program for Boulder Valley School District.
- Approve the recommended funded sites for the 2010 Summer School Grant Program.
- Approve proposed rules for the Education Accountability Act of 2009 (rules pertaining to Senate Bill 09-163). The Education Accountability Act unifies the state's approach to school accountability and ushers in a new era of measuring school performance built around the Colorado Growth Model and expectations for all students reaching readiness for postsecondary and workforce success.

The rules spell out a clear state role for intervening in districts when accreditation scores are poor for five consecutive years. The rules also establish a new system that gives districts with high performance greater autonomy and gives districts with higher needs more intervention and support. See previous news release about these rules:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/download/PDF/20100304sb163ruleshearing.pdf>

- Adoption of the rules governing dropout prevention and student re-engagement.
- Approve notice of rulemaking hearing to amend rules for the administration of education reform.

Public Comment (at approximately 11:30 a.m.)

Public comment is welcome by e-mail or in person at the meeting. E-mail comments should be sent to state.board@cde.state.co.us up to close of business the day before the meeting. Speakers at the meeting are limited to three minutes each and must sign-in prior to the public comment portion of the meeting. The chairman will call those who wish to speak in the order on the sign-up sheet. These rules are available for review on the State Board Web site, http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_sbe.htm

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