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News Release

Assessment Stakeholders Committee Will Meet Friday, July 9 in Colorado Springs

The Assessment Stakeholders Committee, working in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Education, will meet Friday, July 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in an ongoing effort to revise the assessment system that the state uses to measure student achievement and growth.

The meeting will be held at the Antlers Hilton, 4 South Cascade Ave., in Colorado Springs.

The July 9 agenda includes:

- 9 a.m. – Welcome, introductions, meeting goals
- 9:45 a.m. – Guest panel
- 11 a.m. – Assessment system revision process and roles
- 1 p.m. – Review design components and “Colorado Assessment Options Study”
- 2:30 p.m. – Consider and begin the development of the assessment system revision template
- 3:30 p.m. – Discuss results plan
- 4 p.m. - Adjourn

On Oct. 26, the Assessment Stakeholders Committee convened in Denver for their first meeting. At this initial meeting, stakeholders accepted the charge to provide advice to the commissioner of education and state board of education concerning the design of the next generation of assessments in Colorado.

Since this first meeting, the 35 stakeholders have met six times with in-person meetings and via conference call over the last eight months. In this time, they have identified the guiding principles for the assessment system revision and established five subcommittees to assist in their work.

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.

According to Senate Bill 08-212, the state board will give approval for a plan to redesign assessments by December 2010. 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.

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).

For more information, visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/ASMTRev/stakeholders.htm>

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