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## **News Release**

### ***State Board Special Meeting Agenda For Monday, Aug. 2***

The Colorado State Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Monday, Aug. 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to decide whether to adopt the national common core standards.

The meeting will be held in the first-floor board room at the Colorado Department of Education offices, 201 E. Colfax Ave., in Denver. However, most board members will convene by telephone.

The sole agenda item is deciding whether to adopt the common core standards.

On July 21, the Colorado State Board of Education received a presentation and engaged in a Web-based discussion regarding the comparison of Colorado Academic Standards and the Common Core Standards. The Common Core Standards were developed by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association in conjunction with national experts and state education agencies.

Based upon further review of the comparative analyses, Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones will make a recommendation to the state board prior to the vote.

An independent, third-party study comparing the national common core and the Colorado academic standards, conducted by WestEd, an educational research, development and service organization, is posted

online:

[www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/UAS/CAS\\_CCSSI\\_Gap\\_Analysis.html](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/UAS/CAS_CCSSI_Gap_Analysis.html).

Prior to the meeting, state board member Peggy Littleton will host a public meeting to hear comment on the proposed adoption. Beginning at 7:30 a.m., Colorado citizens will be given an opportunity to provide testimony concerning the common core standards. Testimony may be limited to up to three minutes per person depending on the number of individuals wishing to testify. That meeting will run until 9:15 a.m.

**For more information, contact** Mark Stevens, 303-866-3898, or Megan McDermott, 303-866-2334, in the CDE Office of Communications. To sign up for the CDE e-mail news service, please visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/index.html>.

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