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News Release

Technical Advisory Committee Will Meet To Discuss Recommendations From Assessment Review Subcommittees on Wednesday, Sept. 8 In Denver

A Technical Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 8 to review and discuss the initial recommendations from the five assessment subcommittees. Each subcommittee was charged with outlining the design specifications which the state will base its proposal for a new, unified assessment system.

The meeting will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select Cherry Creek, 45 S. Colorado Blvd., in Denver.

The Technical Advisory Committee will provide technical guidance in order to ensure validity and alignment to the recommendations being prepared for the state board of education on the design of the new assessment system.

The subcommittee's recommendations focus on: assessments for school readiness; postsecondary and workforce readiness; formative, interim and summative assessments and assessing special populations of students.

For a list of selected subcommittee members and continued updates, visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/ASMTRev/Subcommittees.htm>

Background

According to Senate Bill 08-212, the Colorado Department of Education was to revise the content standards for 13 subjects. The Colorado State Board of Education accomplished this goal last year by formally adopting the new content standards on Dec. 11, 2009. By Dec. 2010, the state board will give approval for a plan to revise the state assessment system. The new system is expected to be implemented for the first time in the 2013-2014 school year.

There will be no changes to the 2011 spring assessment to allow districts and teachers adequate time to familiarize themselves with the new academic standards.

The transition begins with 2012's spring summative test, which will assess only new standards and use only aligned and relevant items from the CSAP. This will ensure students receive no "surprises," but instead are assessed with a familiar testing process.

The 2013 spring summative test will introduce a revised state assessment that draws from existing CSAP items aligned to the new standards, as well as new items developed or purchased to cover additional content within the standards.

In spring 2014, students will take the new state summative assessment.

Once the assessment system has been identified, CAP4K calls for the state board and Colorado Commission on Higher Education to review and consider the state's graduation guidelines, criteria for endorsed diplomas and alignment with the higher education admission placement tests.

For more information visit

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/asmtrev/home.htm>

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