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News Release

Colorado Facility Schools Board Will Hold Rulemaking Hearing On Friday, Sept. 10

The Colorado Facility Schools Board will hold a rulemaking hearing on Friday, Sept. 10 to draft rules concerning graduation and high school diploma requirements for students in approved facility schools and the procedures for approval of facility schools.

The rulemaking hearing will take place on Friday, Sept. 10 at 9 a.m. at Warren Tech Career and Technical High School, 13300 W. 2nd Pl., in Lakewood.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained on or before Sept. 10 from the Colorado Department of Education, Facility Schools Unit, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1175, Denver, CO 80202, or by calling 303-866-6976. An initial copy will be given free of charge. The proposed rules are also available at

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/facilityschools.asp>

Written and oral data, comments and arguments are welcome. Written submissions must be filed at or before the commencement of the hearing on Sept. 10 at 9 a.m. in order to be considered. Oral testimony may be limited in order to allow the proceedings to go forward with reasonable promptness and efficiency. For more information, please contact Kama Linscome at linscome_k@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6976.

About the Facility Schools Board

House Bill 08-1204, the Facility Schools Bill, establishes a board that consists of seven members appointed by the Colorado State Board of

Education. The Facility Schools Board will work to improve the educational outcomes of students placed in residential, day treatment and hospital programs.

The board will adopt curriculum standards and set graduation requirements for facility schools. It is also charged with adopting accountability measures, including academic performance measures and awarding high school diplomas to students in approved facility schools who meet the graduation requirements.

In addition, the legislation requires the implementation of a statewide student data system to maintain grades and transcripts of students in facilities. A new office was created within CDE to perform administrative responsibilities related to facility schools.

For more information contact Kama Linscome, Facility Schools at 303-866-6976.

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