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## **News Release**

### ***Assessment Stakeholders Committee Will Meet Monday, Sept. 20 In Fort Collins***

The Assessment Stakeholders Committee, working in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Education, will meet Monday, Sept. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 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 Hilton Fort Collins, 425 W. Prospect Rd.

The goals of the meeting are to review and revise the subcommittee recommendations for the new state assessment system and to compile a list of questions and considerations for the Colorado Technical Advisory Committee.

On Oct. 26, 2009 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 eight times with in-person meetings and via conference calls. In this time, they have identified the guiding principles for the assessment system revision and established five subcommittees to assist in their work. Monday's work will include revising the recommendations from the five subcommittees related to Summative, Formative/Interim,

Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness, School Readiness, and Special Populations assessments,

Stakeholders include superintendents, chief academic officers, university professors, community members, business representatives, assessment directors, representatives from the early childhood community, military representatives and local board members.

### **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/stakeholders.htm>

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