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News Release

Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board Will Meet on Friday, Oct. 29 In Denver For All-Day Work Session To Receive Feedback From Stakeholders Regarding BEST Program

The next meeting of the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board (CCAB) is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 29.

The meeting will be an all-day work session for stakeholders to express comments, concerns, or support to CCAB regarding the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) Program. All stakeholders are welcome and will be provided an opportunity to speak.

The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Colorado Association of School Boards, 1200 Grant St., in Denver, in the Longs Peak Boardroom.

The meeting agenda includes:

- Roll call;
- Approve agenda;
- Approve minutes from the September meeting;
- Approve emergency grant for Guffey Charter School's roof;
- FY2010-11 financing update for BEST lease-purchase projects;

Discussion Topics: *(Each discussion topic will begin with public comment; all times are approximate.)*

- 9 a.m. - General public comment;
- 9:30 a.m. - Discussion pertaining to BEST Construction Guidelines, 1 CCR 303(1);
- 10:10 a.m. - Discussion pertaining to BEST Program Rules, 1 CCR 303(3);
- 10:50 a.m. – Break;
- 11:05 a.m. - Discussion pertaining to sorting of BEST Lease-Purchase projects;
- 11:40 a.m. - Discussion pertaining to match percentage calculations;
- 12:15 p.m. – Lunch;
- 1:05 p.m. - Discussion pertaining to waiver policies;
- 1:35 p.m. - Discussion pertaining to master plans;
- 2:05 p.m. - Discussion pertaining to roofs;
- 2:35 p.m. – Break;
- 2:50 p.m. - Discussion pertaining to Colorado Historical Society;
- 3:25 p.m. - Discussion pertaining to procurement.

Upcoming meetings:

CCAB will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 10 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at 1525 Sherman St., Ste. B-70, in Denver to finalize the list of BEST Lease-Purchase Grants.

For more information, contact Ted Hughes, director of division of public school capital construction assistance at 303-866-6948.

About BEST

The BEST legislation increases the level of financial assistance provided to school districts, charter schools and Board of Cooperative Educational

Services (BOCES) for capital construction projects, particularly in those school districts that can't afford to meet their own needs.

The function of the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board is to protect the health and safety of persons using public school facilities and to maximize student achievement by ensuring public school facilities provide a safe and un-crowded environment that is conducive to student learning.

For more information on the Capital Construction Assistance Board and to read board minutes, visit

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/CapConstmain.htm>

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