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News Release

State Council For Educator Effectiveness Meeting Friday, Oct. 29

The next meeting for the State Council for Educator Effectiveness will be held on Friday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Colorado Department of Education, 201 E. Colfax Ave., State Board Room, in Denver.

The agenda includes:

- 10 a.m. – Welcome and Announcements
- 10:15 a.m. – Framing and Progress Monitoring
- 10:25 a.m. – Decision-Making Process and Protocol
- 11 a.m. – Public Comment
- 11:15 am –Council Exercise to Review Level of State-Local Variability in the Evaluation System
- 1:30 p.m. – Teacher Standards
- 2:30 p.m. – Using Student Academic Growth Measures to Inform Educator Effectiveness Determinations, presentation by Damian Betebenner, Ph.D. (The National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment)
- 3:30 p.m. – Public Comment

- 3:45 p.m. – Wrap up and Next Steps
- 4 p.m. – Adjourn

Background

The 15-member council, originally formed by Gov. Bill Ritter in early 2010, was codified under Senate Bill 10-191. The council met for the first time on March 11, 2010.

S.B. 10-191 declared that a system to evaluate the effectiveness of licensed school personnel is “crucial to improving the quality of education in this state.”

The purpose of the evaluation system, the legislation declared, is to serve as a basis for the improvement of instruction, enhance the implementation of programs of curriculum, serve as a measurement of the professional growth and development of licensed personnel, evaluate the level of performance based on the effectiveness of licensed personnel and provide basis for making decisions in the areas of hiring, compensation, promotion, assignment, professional development, earning and retaining non-probationary status, dismissal and nonrenewal of contract.

The council is required to provide a forum for considering options and providing recommendations to ensure that every educator is:

- Evaluated using multiple, fair, transparent, timely, rigorous and valid methods, at least 50 percent of which is determined by academic growth of their students.
- Afforded a meaningful opportunity improve their effectiveness.
- Provided the means to share effective practices with other educators statewide.

Among many charges, the council was given a March 1, 2011 deadline to recommend definitions of *teacher effectiveness* and *principal effectiveness* and to “develop and recommend guidelines for adequate implementation of a high-quality educator evaluation system.”

The council’s recommendations will be forwarded to the State Board of Education, which is required to adopt rules for implementation by Sept. 2011.

Council members represent the business community, teachers, higher education, school district administrators, school board members, charter schools, parents, students and the state department of education.

Additional dates have been added to the council's planning meeting schedule. Currently meeting dates are:

- Tuesday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Meeting minutes are available on the Governor's Web site at www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/GovRitter/GOVR/1251573887411.

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