



TALKING POINTS

December 20, 2010

At its December 17th meeting, the State Council for Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) deliberated a number of components of a proposed system of evaluating educator effectiveness, including teacher quality standards, a measurement framework, and approaches to measuring student growth in tested and non-tested areas.

In addition, the Council reviewed and discussed initial drafts of proposed implementation and policy guidelines presented by the Technical Advisory Group (TAG).

The Council provided feedback to staff and TAG working groups on a variety of draft documents and frameworks, with the desired outcome of propelling the work of the staff and work groups forward in advance of the Council's January retreat (January 13-15th).

The Council agreed upon the following next steps:

Staff will develop a draft of a model evaluation system for the Council's review. The Council will consider in January whether or not this system should serve as a resource or a default for schools and districts in Colorado.

Staff will further develop the draft frameworks for measuring the quality standards, and for measuring student growth presented at the December 17th meeting.

Staff will continue to revise the Colorado teacher quality standards, which reflect the Council's earlier discussions and incorporate the format of the North Carolina teacher quality standards.

The TAG working groups will consolidate their recommendations regarding state and district implementation recommendations and revise them to reflect the Council's discussion.

The Council reviewed an initial set of policy recommendations and directed the TAG with making revisions, including a recommendation to treat as confidential analyses of student growth prepared for the use of conducting teacher evaluations.

Finally, the Council heard public comment from a variety of key stakeholders. Input from the public will be taken into consideration as the Council seeks to reach consensus on a number of important recommendations at its January retreat.

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