



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 27, 2011

At its September 27th meeting, the State Council for Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) reviewed the draft version of the State Board Rules for S.B. 10-191. Specifically, members had the opportunity to address questions to Colorado Department of Education (CDE) representatives and deliberated on themes and language within the draft Rules identified by council members as being inconsistent with SCEE recommendations.

The council discussed the following broad themes and related language within the Rules:

- **Coherence of the recommendations.** The council agreed that the overall coherence of the recommendations put forth by SCEE needs to be reflected in the State Board Rules.
- **Long-term system development.** The council's work was done in the context of long term system development and sustainment and the recommendations therefore have a coherence and contiguous nature and content that is not compatible with a process that dramatically changes one part without taking the systemic impact of that change into account.
- **Comparability across districts.** The council discussed the need to ensure that district implementation of the statewide system of educator evaluation is done in such a way as to ensure that the state can make meaningful comparisons across districts.
- **Elevation of the teaching profession.** The council recognized that an overarching intent of S.B. 10-191 and the resulting Rules and Regulations is to elevate the teaching profession, support teachers in cultivating expertise and to more effectively serve students.
- **Appropriate specificity and clarity.** The council agreed that the language within the Rules needs to be revisited to ensure that definitions and language are consistent and clear.
- **Collaboration across stakeholder groups.** The council reaffirmed that the critical role that students, parents, guardians and families need to play in the evaluation of principals and teachers should be represented in the Rules.
- **The value of the pilot to inform statewide implementation.** The council agreed that the pilot phase should inform and shape statewide implementation efforts.

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The Council will meet again on Friday, November 4th to finalize recommendations to the State Board in regard to S.B. 10-191 Rules and Regulations.

Comments or questions may be submitted to the Council at SCEE@cde.state.co.us