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## 2007 AYP DETERMINATIONS

The 2006-2007 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) school and district determinations will be available approximately August 13<sup>th</sup>. Each district's AYP ADE Respondent will be able to log into ADE and view the school and district AYP determinations on that date.

District determinations may be appealed to CDE. Appeals are due by August 27<sup>th</sup>. School appeals are the responsibility of the school districts and must be submitted into ADE by September 13<sup>th</sup>, when the ADE system closes. The school data in ADE on September 13<sup>th</sup> are the final determinations. No changes will be made after the ADE close.

For questions regarding ADE contact Russ Masco ([masco\\_r@cde.state.co.us](mailto:masco_r@cde.state.co.us)) and for appeal questions contact Alyssa Pearson ([pearson\\_a@cde.state.co.us](mailto:pearson_a@cde.state.co.us)).

Districts that have schools on Improvement must send a letter regarding Public School Choice to all parents of the students in that school prior to the start of school. In addition, a signed copy of the letter must also be sent to Laura Hensinger at CDE, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1450, Denver 80202 or faxed to (303) 866-6637 by August 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Laura ([hensinger\\_l@cde.state.co.us](mailto:hensinger_l@cde.state.co.us)) with any questions.

## SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES

Ten new providers have been added to Colorado's List of Approved Supplemental Services Providers for the 2007-2008 school year for a total of 54. After September 3<sup>rd</sup>, parents and district personnel can search for available providers by district and school on the Supplemental Educational Services' (SES) website

[www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/improvement/SuppServices.asp](http://www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/improvement/SuppServices.asp). Simply, click on *Search for Approved Provider by District*. Only districts with schools in 2<sup>nd</sup> year Improvement or beyond are in the searchable database. This information is in both English and Spanish and can be printed and distributed. The website also includes guidance, sample parent letters and contracts.

Supplemental Services are tutoring opportunities for eligible students, conducted by an approved provider outside of the school day. Eligible students are those who are enrolled in a school on 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Improvement, Corrective Action or Restructuring and identified as low-income. These tutoring services are free to parents and paid for with district Title I funds.

Districts with schools in 2nd year Improvement or beyond are responsible for notifying parents of eligible students that these services are available to them. Notification must be in a language understandable to parents, identify the approved provider(s) within the district, and describe their services and qualifications. The letter must also provide procedures and timelines parents must follow to obtain services.

During the 2006-2007 school year approximately 4,400 students in Colorado received SES which is 14% of the eligible population. The U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) continues to be interested in states

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## UPDATE

### 2007-2008 Consolidated Application Review & Approval

A BIG THANK YOU to the many, many districts that submitted their *complete* Consolidated Applications by June 30, 2007. The program and fiscal review has been dramatically expedited with the larger number of complete applications. As of July 31, 2007, 131 applications had received substantial approval, and a number of district programs have received final approval.

Please ensure that modifications to the Consolidated Application are completed for **ALL** programs before resubmitting the application. In addition, all modifications must be submitted within 30 days of receipt of the Consolidated Application Comment Log. Districts that do not resubmit within the required 30 days will lose their ability to encumber funds for the time period between the date when the modifications were due and the date they are submitted.

Again, thank you for all your work to submit well-crafted, approvable applications and budgets.



## NCLB FALL DIRECTORS MEETING

The Annual Fall Directors meeting will be held on September 11 – 12, 2007. The contract for this meeting's location is being finalized, but an online registration, agenda, and session description will be available by August 13<sup>th</sup>. This annual meeting has expanded from those held in years past. The target audience for the 2007 meeting is any program director or business manager who works with No Child Left Behind programs, including Title I, Title IIA, Title IID, Title III, Title IV and Title V.

This year's meeting will feature a keynote address on September 11<sup>th</sup> by CDE's Commissioner, Dwight Jones. A second keynote on the September 12<sup>th</sup> will be presented by Damian Bettebenner and focus on closing achievement gaps and equal educational opportunities. The luncheon speaker September 12<sup>th</sup> will be Dr. Ranelle Lang, Assistant Superintendent from Weld 6 School District.

District personnel responsible for NCLB programs are strongly encouraged to attend, as the primary focus of the meeting is to assist districts and LEAs to clearly understand the expectations related to NCLB Federal Programs in the 2007-2008 school year.

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### Read to Achieve Funding Extension

Approximately **\$1.7 million** in **Read to Achieve grant funding** remains available to fund research-based, intensive reading programs during the 2007-2008 school year in eligible elementary schools, including charter schools and Institute Charter schools, and/or groups of eligible schools (consortia). The **Request for Proposal (RFP)** and **Eligible Schools List** are available on the Read to Achieve website (<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/r2a.htm>). Applications are due **Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> by 4 p.m.** Contact Kim Burnham with any questions ([burnham\\_k@cde.state.co.us](mailto:burnham_k@cde.state.co.us) or (303) 866.6916).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 1<sup>st</sup>  
NCLB Committee of Practitioners Meeting  
Breckenridge, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Colorado became the 38<sup>th</sup> state on August 1, 1876

August 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
38th Annual CASE Convention  
Breckenridge  
For more information visit [www.co-case.org](http://www.co-case.org).

September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Colorado Department of Education  
is closed for Labor Day.

September 18<sup>th</sup>  
New Principals' Seminar  
Colorado Department of Education, State Board  
Room, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
For more information contact Ai Dam at  
(303) 866-6678.

March 14, 2008  
3rd Annual Colorado Statewide Pre-Collegiate  
Conference  
Auraria Higher Education Center, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
For more information contact Gully Stanford at  
[gully.stanford@cic.state.co.us](mailto:gully.stanford@cic.state.co.us), (720) 264-8563.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Fall Director's Meeting  
Metro Area  
September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>  
Location TBD**



- Schools that received a SST review during the 2006-2007 must submit the Year 2 plan to their Title I Liaison on or before August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Year 1 funds must be spent by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Any carryover should be approved by the school's Title I Liaison.
- Submit any modifications to your district's Consolidated Application and/or budget for final approval. Contact the helpline for general questions at (303) 866-4814, [consolidatedapplications@cde.state.co.us](mailto:consolidatedapplications@cde.state.co.us). For specific program questions for final approval, contact the program consultant listed in the comment log.
- Districts that have schools in 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Improvement or beyond must send a letter regarding Supplemental Services to eligible students by October 1<sup>st</sup>. A signed copy of the letter must also be sent to Laura Hensinger at CDE, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1450, Denver 80202 or faxed to (303) 866-6637 by August 20<sup>th</sup>. Forward questions to Laura. ([hensinger\\_l@cde.state.co.us](mailto:hensinger_l@cde.state.co.us)).

## Colorado Quiz

### August's Question:

**What Native American Groups have called Colorado home?**

### June's Question:

**When did women get the right to vote in Colorado?** In 1894, Colorado was the 2<sup>nd</sup> state in the nation to extend suffrage to women. Wyoming was the first.



Click here for the [answer](#).

The Colorado Quiz is slightly changing its format. The questions will be broadened beyond the great state of Colorado. To submit a question (with answer), e-mail Arti Winston at [winston\\_a@cde.state.co.us](mailto:winston_a@cde.state.co.us).

## Finalizing 2006-07 HQ Data

Highly Qualified (HQ) data for 2006-2007 have almost been finalized. Thanks to all districts for completing the non-HQ teacher plans. Now, districts just need to resubmit HR data in the ADE system with the corrected HQ data. The HR Collection closes **August 10<sup>th</sup>** - and there will be no extensions granted. These data will then be considered the district's final HQ data for 2006-2007.

CDE will use this data for state and federal reporting and to calculate whether districts have made the HQ target (100% for all LEAs in 2006-2007) and determine whether any sanctions are appropriate. If districts do not resubmit data to the HR Collection, then CDE will default to the LEA's December HR submission. This would not include any of the updates that were completed through the online HQ Teacher Plan system.

When your HR file is ready for re-submission, contact Annette Severson, (303) 866-6824 or Dennis St. Hilaire, (303) 866-6840 to reset your HR Data. If you have any other questions, contact Lisa Medler ([medler\\_l@cde.state.co.us](mailto:medler_l@cde.state.co.us)).

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## GET GROWN-UPS INVOLVED

National Council of Teacher of Mathematics (NCTM) is pleased to provide a selection of resources that can be shared with parents and families. NCTM's Families web page, [www.nctm.org/resources/families.aspx](http://www.nctm.org/resources/families.aspx), offers brochures and other online materials that recommend practical ways for families to discuss and do math at home together. The most recent additions to the Families Web page are downloadable brochures that provide answers to the following questions:

- Why does the math that my child brings home look different from the math I remember?
- What can I do to make sure my child succeeds in mathematics and will be able to take challenging math courses in the future?

Additional brochures can be downloaded with answers to these questions:

- Why aren't students learning math the way I did?
- Why are students using calculators?
- What happened to timed skills tests?

## NCLB Funds and Professional Development Conferences

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) states that professional development activities shall be "sustained, intensive, and classroom-focused" and "are not one-day or short-term workshops or conferences" [section 9101(34)((A)(v)(II)].

Therefore, under NCLB, participation in short-term workshops and conferences is not, by itself, professional development. NCLB funds should not pay the costs of registration and attendance at short-term workshops or conferences unless certain conditions are met.

NCLB funds may be used to pay the costs associated with having teachers and other LEA staff attend one-day or short-term workshops or conferences only if they are part of, and integral to, professional development activities that meet the other elements of section 9101(34). For example, consistent with the results of a comprehensive needs assessment, an LEA might design a set of intensive training opportunities that carefully use participation at a short-term workshop or conference to reinforce, or lay the groundwork for, a larger, systemic, professional development plan.

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## NEW CHARTER SCHOOL HANDBOOK FOR BOARD MEMBERS

The Schools of Choice Unit at CDE, in collaboration with the Colorado League of Charter Schools and the Colorado Charter School Institute, is pleased to announce the release of a new handbook for charter school governing board members. This handbook covers the basics of charter school boardsmanship and should be considered essential reading for all Colorado charter school governing board members. The handbook is the compilation of expertise of administrators, charter school board members, and business managers guiding the development of this much-needed resource.

In the future, this training handbook will be converted to online training modules. This handbook is also available on the Charter Schools page of the CDE website at [www.cde.state.co.us/index\\_charter.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_charter.htm).



increasing the number of eligible students receiving services. With this in mind, the USDOE recently wrapped up a 14 state tour to better understand how SES is working. Colorado was visited in March with Denver Public Schools as focus of the trip. The result of their tour will be a document published shortly. A draft was made available to states at the National Summit on Supplemental Educational Services and Public School Choice in Washington, DC (June 27-28, 2007). A significant focus of the document is the promising practices for increasing parental awareness. As many know, a letter informing parents meets the requirement but does not necessarily assist parents' understanding of their choices under this provision. The following are some of the successful parent awareness practices highlighted in the document:

- Educate building principals on the providers and the deadlines for applications
- Place reminder notices about the application due date in school bulletins
- Post an SES notice on district website (for example [Los Angeles Unified School District](#))
- Use the district's automated phone message system
- Host a provider fair in the district, an opportunity for parents to meet providers and determine the best fit for their child
- Discuss SES with eligible parents at parent/teacher conferences
- Use parent/community liaisons to call homes or make home visits to explain free tutoring option
- Work with local parent organizations or other community organizations to get the word out

The Department of Education will be monitoring Colorado's Title I program in the fall and there will be a focus on Public School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services.

Omni has completed an initial report of the findings from the evaluation work conducted using information gathered during the 2006-2007 school year. An initial summary will be presented at this year's Directors Meeting; however, the work will continue into the fall with the availability of 2007 CSAP scores.

Approved providers will be invited to this year's Fall Directors Meeting to set up an information table.

For more information contact Laura Hensinger at (303) 866-6675 or [hensinger\\_l@cde.state.co.us](mailto:hensinger_l@cde.state.co.us).

# Congratulations

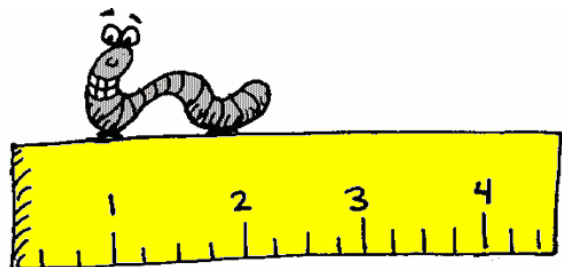
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## Math & Science Partnerships Grant

Congratulations to the newly funded Math & Science Partnerships (MSP)! The 2007-2008 grant competition was a highly competitive process. A total of nine partnerships were funded across the state.

- ≥ *PLASMID -- Professional Learning Access in Science and Mathematics through Internet Delivery*
- ≥ *(MS)3--Mesa State x Math & Science x Middle School*
- ≥ *Weld County School District 6 MSP Grant*
- ≥ *Fort Lewis College Advancing Math Education (AME)*
- ≥ *Northeast Front Range Mathematics/Science Partnership to Increase Teacher Competence in Content, II*
- ≥ *SKILL--Scholars for Knowledge in Learning and Leadership*
- ≥ *Fort Morgan Math and Science Partnership Program*
- ≥ *Shortgrass Steppe MSP: Science on the Front Range*

For more information on the funded partnerships and a program abstract visit [www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/NCLB/msp.asp](http://www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/NCLB/msp.asp).



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