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COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE AT 12:30 TODAY TO VOTE ON MOTION TO VACATE & RESET APRIL 14, 2022 HEARINGS & CORRESPONDING DEADLINES FOR ADAMS 14

*Hearings As Currently Scheduled Directly Overlap With State-Mandated Assessments
& Prevent District Stakeholders From Meaningful Participation*

DENVER – In response to a motion filed by the Adams County School District 14 (hereafter Adams 14) Board of Education on March 14, 2022, the Colorado State Board of Education (hereafter SBE) will convene today at 12:30 in a special meeting to vote on a Motion to Vacate and Reset Hearings and Corresponding Deadlines currently scheduled for Adams 14 on April 14, 2022.

In its motion, the Adams 14 Board of Education highlighted that the hearing date was set without input from the District and directly overlaps with mandatory statewide testing.

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/colorado-testing-fact-sheet-2020-21>

As a result, District stakeholders on the campus and system levels are required to direct significant time and resources away from ensuring full instructional readiness of their students and toward preparation of required documentation ahead of the April 14th hearing.

Moreover, the hearings as currently scheduled will place school administrative leaders in the untenable situation of having to oversee administration of assessments at their schools and contributing to the District's presentation of its strategic plan.

As State Board of Education members have rightly pointed out, our collective efforts should entirely be focused on the best interests of students. The District could not agree more, and asks that SBE act accordingly in its consideration of this Motion and reset the aforementioned hearing date and corresponding deadlines. The SBE's decision to hold a special hearing to address the District's motion is seen as a positive sign that student's will come first.

Today's SBE meeting will be conducted virtually, and is available for livestream via the department's dedicated site at <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeboard/watchlive>.

Further questions related to SBE's vote may be directed to the State Board Relations Office by e-mail at state.board@cde.state.co.us or by phone at (303) 866-6809.

Additional questions related to Adams 14's next steps toward building a lasting foundation of academic achievement for all of its students may be directed by e-mail to communications@adams14.org or by phone to (615) 488-0390.