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XXX SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DEVELOP BLUEPRINT FOR EDUCATION

The XXXX School board has begun a project to involve the community in a dialogue on a “blueprint for education” that will lead to a possible change in district graduation requirements.

All Colorado school districts are required by law to undertake a community-based process to develop a blueprint for the education system in the community to determine the skills students will need to be successful after graduation.

The law requires school boards to use this blueprint, along with guidelines for high school graduation requirements developed by the State Board of Education, to establish high school graduation requirements applicable to students enrolling in the 9th grade beginning July 1, 2009.

In order to develop its blueprint, the XXX school board will begin a program of study circles or dialogue meetings among students, staff, parents and other community members on XXXX. Study circle participants will be asked to attend four 2-hour meetings during the month of XXXX to discuss such questions as :

- What skills do our students need in order to be successful in the 21st century?
- How do we need to educate our students differently in order to equip them for the future?



- What are the challenges and opportunities for our community as we work to provide a 21st Century education for our students?

The meetings will be held (START AND END TIMES + LOCATION).

“The XXXX board has been very proactive in trying to design an education system that will help our kids be successful after graduation, said XXXX, board president. “We take the blueprint for education requirements of the law quite seriously. We look forward to hearing from the staff, students and community about their vision of an education system that imparts 21st century skills and meets community needs.”

Study circles are open to any community resident. Contact XXXXXX at XXXXXXXXXX for more information.

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