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To: Gifted Education Directors and Coordinators
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From: Jacquelin Medina
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Re: Proposed rule change

Date: August 23, 2010

We are providing an opportunity to comment on a proposed rule change.

The Gifted Education Unit at the Colorado Department of Education will be proposing a change in ECEA Rule 12.00 pertaining to the budget section of gifted student education. This proposed change will remove the matching fund requirement for gifted education budgets as necessitated by the recent informal opinion of the Attorney General's office. This means that administrative units would individually determine the amount of local resources that will be contributed towards gifted student education. The proposed change is as follows:

12.02(1)(g) **Budget.**

The program plan shall propose a budget for gifted education which reflects the collaborative efforts of the administrative unit and cost of implementing the programming, goals and objectives stated in the program plan. The budget shall detail the funding committed by the administrative unit and funding requested from the Department. ~~Funding committed by the administrative unit shall be equal to or greater than the amount requested from the Department.~~ Funding committed by the Administrative Unit shall be an amount determined by the AU to contribute towards the gifted student education elements described in the AU's program plan. Funds requested from the Department may be used for:

[All rules following this statement remain as published.]

Please provide any comment in writing on or before September 1, 2010 and the rationale underlying your recommended modification to me at medina_j@cde.state.co.us. You are also welcome to attend the public rulemaking hearing that the state board will hold on this rule change on November 3, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the State Board Room, 201 E. Colfax Avenue, #100, Denver, CO 80203.

Your input is appreciated.