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Colorado Department of Higher Education Receives Grant to Support Alignment Efforts with K-12

Denver – Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia today announced the Colorado Department of Higher Education will receive a grant from the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors to support the department’s work with the K-12 system in aligning postsecondary policies with the Common Core State Standards.

“We know that establishing high expectations and a seamless set of standards and assessments from preschool through postsecondary education is important to student success. This funding comes at a critical time for Colorado and will accelerate the state’s efforts to create a seamless P-20 education pipeline,” said Lt. Gov. Garcia, Executive Director of the Department of Higher Education.

The grant is part of an initiative entitled “Core to College: Preparing Students for College Readiness and Success,” which seeks to improve student achievement and college readiness and, ultimately, increase rates of postsecondary enrollment and completion. Colorado is one of 10 states to receive \$200,000 per year for three years. The grant will support the efforts of the higher education system to ensure that admissions standards, educator preparation programs, and basic skills policies and assessments align with the Common Core State Standards.

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