

MEDIA ADVISORY

Governor Hickenlooper to Hold Bill Signing at Foster Elementary

When: Thursday, May 18, 3:00 p.m.

Where: Foster Elementary
5300 Saulsbury Court
Arvada, CO 80002

What: Governor John Hickenlooper will sign HB17-1201, Science Technology Engineering Math Diploma Endorsement, and conduct a mock signing of SB17-123, Seal of Biliteracy for High School Diplomas.

Background:

Foster Elementary became one of the first STEM elementary schools in Jeffco this school year. In 2004, Foster began the first two-way dual language program in the district. The goal of the program is for students to be bilingual and biliterate in both Spanish and English by sixth grade.

The Science Technology Engineering Math Diploma Endorsement (HB17-1201), sponsored by State Senator Rachel Zensinger (D-Arvida), “authorizes a school district, board of cooperative services, district charter high school, or institute charter high school (local education provider) to grant a high school diploma endorsement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to students who demonstrate mastery in STEM.”

The Seal of Biliteracy for High School Diplomas (SB17-123), also sponsored by Zensinger, “authorizes a school district, BOCES, or institute charter high school to grant a diploma endorsement in biliteracy to a student who demonstrates proficiency in English and at least one foreign language. The bill establishes the requirements a graduating high school student must meet to obtain the biliteracy endorsement.”

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