Memo

To: BVSD Board of Education
From: BVSD District Accountability Committee
Date: April 6, 2016
Re: 2016 DAC Recommendations on the District Unified Improvement Plan

To fulfill the DAC responsibility:
C.R.S. 22-11-302(1)(b) – To advise its local school board concerning preparation of, and annually submit to the local school board recommendations regarding the contents of, a district performance, improvement, priority improvement, or turnaround plan, whichever is required based on the school district’s accreditation category. In advising and preparing the recommendations, the school district accountability committee shall make reasonable efforts to consult in a substantive manner with the school accountability committees of the school district and shall compile and submit to the local school board the school performance, improvement, priority improvement, and turnaround plans submitted by the school accountability committees pursuant to sections 22-11-403 to 22-11-406.

2016 DAC Recommendations on the District Unified Improvement Plan

Based upon the 2015-16 draft UIP that was shared with the DAC on January 26, 2016, the DAC is making the following observations and recommendations:

- The UIP appears to be aligned and consistent with the Strategic Plan, and is district-supported.
- DAC particularly applauds the use of data, especially because its availability was limited.

In anticipation of the 2016-17 UIP, DAC recommends the following:

- Strengthen the identification of benchmarks and ensuring feedback loops (e.g., MTSS)
- Begin the UIP revision process in the spring, not the fall. Provide the DAC with an updated version of the UIP in early fall 2016 for preliminary feedback.
- Engage the DAC in quarterly check-ins throughout the year to monitor progress on meeting the goals of the plan.
- Support schools by identifying District best practices that can/should be entered in the ‘Resources’ section of district documents provided to schools as they begin to develop their school improvement plans, or that the District believes should be incorporated into each SIP.