

District Accountability (DAC) Newsletter



May 2024

UPCOMING DATES:

- **May 16, 2024**
6:00—8:00pm
Full DAC
meeting
Tesla, room
116 and via
Web Ex

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Welcome

Welcome to the last newsletter of the 23/24 school year.

Thank you for all your work in these past months.

As we finish off this year we are already looking forward to the new school year and the planning process is in full swing.

To support our SACs in their role in the One Plan/ Unified Improvement plan (UIP) process we held a mini SAC training. Thank you to those who participated. We all learned a lot from each other. If you missed it, here is the [slide deck](#).

Please participate in your school's planning process, your voice is important. If you need childcare and did not receive the child care request form, reach out to me (clawson.marion@gmail.com).

Looking forward, I want to encourage SACs to plan on connecting with new parents and families. How can you welcome them?

If you have a child that is continuing on to another school level, reach out to your school early and learn about opportunities to be involved in your new school community. Every school needs involved parents and community members.

I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to continuing the great work in 24/25.

Sincerely

Marion Clawson

D11 DAC - chair

News & Notes



COLORADO'S STORIES OF PROMISING PRACTICES

- The Family, School, and Community Partnerships Office from the Colorado Department of Education is accepting applications to be considered for their annual publication.
- Do you or your school have a promising Partnership Practice you'd like to submit to be reviewed by the selection committee?
- Please visit the link below:

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/familyengagement/promising>



2024 Graduations

High School Graduation Dates

5/ 21 Doherty HS 9am, Coronado HS 3pm - **Ed Robson Arena, Colorado College**

5/ 22 Mitchell HS 9am, Palmer HS 3pm - **Ed Robson Arena, Colorado College**

Alternative High Schools - Roy J. Wasson Campus:

5/16 Odyssey 9am , Tesla 1pm

5/17 Achieve HS 9am , Bijou 1pm

5/30 Adult Education 7pm

All school schedules may be adjusted for final exams, state required testing and graduation.



News & Notes Continued

DISTRICT 11 SUMMER BRIDGE

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL SCHOOL CALENDAR



UPDATES FOR SUMMER 2024
SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM
D11 Expanded Learning Team

WHAT IS SUMMER BRIDGE?
 Programs for Elementary, Middle and High School students to combat summer learning loss by keeping our students engaged and intellectually stimulated throughout the break.

WHAT IS NEW?
 Participation in the program is by **invitation only**. Students will be selected based on teacher recommendations and test scores, ensuring a tailored approach to support each student's needs.





Security Updates at Schools—

- All schools will be having updates to their front entrances based on feedback from the district wide security audit.
- The changes are different at every school.
- Jennifer Hotaling, Capital Program Manager, and her team have agreed to attend SAC meetings at any school interested in learning about their updates.

Please reach out to Jennifer.Hotaling@d11.org to schedule a time at your school. Invite your entire school community to learn about the updates being done.



SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

Want to understand more about the role of School Accountability Committees?

Take this free course available from the Colorado Department of Education:

<https://colorado-department-of-education.mylearnworlds.com/course/understanding-the-role-of-school-accountability-committees>



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 ACCOUNTABILITY
COMMITTEE



Upcoming deadlines of interest to SACs:

- One Plan Leadership Symposium – May 29 – plan to have someone from your SAC attend.

Election of New SAC Officers and early DAC support:

- If not already done in April, May is the month to elect/select a SAC Chair, secretary and other officers, as appropriate for next school year.
- If you are new to SAC and want some early support over the summer, please contact Trudy Tool at 719-520-2016 or Trudy.Tool@d11.org, she will connect you with the appropriate resources.



Deadline!

SAC Agenda Planning – May (Theme: continue planning for next school year)

Every month we intend to provide a reasonable flow of SAC agenda topics that meet the broad responsibilities of School District 11 SACs.



This is just a reference tool, and individual SACs should tailor their agendas appropriate to their school needs and emphasis. The following are some of the topics recommended for the May SAC meeting:

- If not already done, set SAC meeting calendar for next school year.
- Review/discuss instructional focus and “One Plan” USIP goals for next year.
- Review progress on SEL successes/challenges, 5E successes and challenges, and parent engagement.
- Plan to participate in District spring leadership symposium for school development of 24-25 “One Plan”/USIP.

Good Things Happening in the District

Doherty HS—

- Congratulations to Doherty HS student and classical musician, Samuel Rollence who was featured on KCME Classical Music Radio.
- Samuel plays the viola at Doherty HS and with the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony.



The Best and Brightest Scholarship Program—

- For 33 years, The Gazette Charities Foundation has recognized 20 local graduating seniors through the Best and Brightest scholarship program to celebrate excellence in academics and contributions to schools and community. **Congratulations** to four D11 students honored this year!:
1. Abdimalik Hussein, Palmer HS,
 2. Leah Martinez, Palmer HS
 3. Ava Branon, Palmer HS
 4. Evelyn Sittner, Thomas Maclaren School



Mitchell HS—

- Congratulations to Mitchell HS AFJROTC student Reuben Losey, who received the Character in Leadership Scholarship. This scholarship is a full-ride scholarship that recognizes 100 ROTC cadets around the globe for excellence in Leadership, Character,, and Citizenship.
- Reuben is ranked #2 in his graduating class with a 4.14 PGA and has been a D11 Southeast Area student for his whole educational career, attending Wilson Elementary, Sabin Middle and now Mitchell HS.
- At Mitchell, in addition to excelling in JROTC he is also the Student Body President , and participates in a variety of AP and college-level courses, soccer, wrestling and is an integral part of the unified sports program.

