

District Accountability (DAC)

Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 2024

UPCOMING DATES:

- September 19, 2024,
DAC meeting,
6:00—8:00pm,
in person, Tesla room
112/113 and via WebEx
- September 26, 2024
SAC Training
6:00—8:00pm,
in person, Tesla room
116/129

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Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 24/25 school year.

It is hard to believe that summer is over. In my 2nd year serving as your District Accountability Committee (DAC) chair I am asking for your help. We are having big goals this year. The Board of Education, DAC and the District are working on strengthening our committee voices by elevating our charges and improving the flow of information from parents to the Board. The DAC relies on information brought forward from each School Accountability Committee (SAC), reviewed by committees at the DAC, and brought to the Board of Education in the form of recommendations and reports. Our DAC subcommittees have openings for parent members, click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

The DAC aims to increase SAC input this year. We need to hear more from our involved parents who are the voice of their school. You'll find a variety of SAC resources in this newsletter.

Please join us for the 1st **SAC training** of the year **on 9/26** providing an opportunity to learn the roles and responsibilities of a SAC, share best practices, and also to connect with your area schools and area superintendent.

Your voice matters in D11 and I want to hear more from you. It is our goal to not only have a SAC in every school, but also to have a parent fill the position of SAC chair. The DAC offers to provide support to every school that currently doesn't have a SAC chair and may even attend your SAC meeting to support the work being accomplished there.

Please *update your SAC chair* [here](#).

State testing results (CMAS) are being released and School Performance Framework (SPF) are already submitted to the district, but still embargoed until the official state release in mid September. This newsletter provides more information on how to access and understand your students CMAS results. If you want instant information on your students Benchmark test STAR, sign up for the parent report on the bottom of your students log in page. (They need to log in first)

I highly encourage you to reach out to your students' teacher to collaborate in supporting your students' learning. Parent engagement is impactful in boosting student success.

Thank you for reading this far, carry on and share this newsletter with your community via social media, your school's website and email. This is a great year to be a voice in D11.

Sincerely,

Marion Clawson

D11 DAC- Chair

State Test Results for Spring 2024
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 Department of Education

- Colorado state test results for Spring 2024, including growth data, are now available to schools and CDE School Performance Framework (SPF) scores and ratings (school plan types) made available to schools in the last week of August. Alternative Education Campuses (AEC) scores will be available mid-September.
- Test results for individual students will also be available soon for parents to review. A great resource for parents and families about understanding test results and more is available at: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/resourcesforparents>.

PowerSchool (the School Management System) and related modules:

- **Do your families know they can access grade, attendance, and report cards through PowerSchool?** Everyone has the opportunity to launch student success by using PowerSchool!
- **Please make it a top priority** to advocate for getting all your students, parents, and teachers set up with active accounts and regularly using the PowerSchool system. Principals have access to reports on who has active accounts at your school, who is using the system and how often. Use this information to monitor/support your school's progress toward full implementation.

Accreditation Status and School Accountability for 23-24:

- For SACs, your school's accreditation status and plan type will be based on your 2024 SPF results. It will be useful to study both your school's SPF and student growth data for previous years. That data should be available from your principal for review, and available on the CDE website. Here are links to some of the CDE information and CDE aids and fact sheets for interpreting the data.
- CDE generated [State Accountability Data Tools and Reports](http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/schoolviewdataandresults) page – provides descriptions of latest tools and reports and links to all key tools and reports: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/schoolviewdataandresults>



Understanding School Performance Frameworks: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/performanceframeworks>

News & Notes (Continued)

Family, School, Community Partnership (FSCP) Updates



- **Reduced Absenteeism Relies on Family Engagement**

◇ New research shows a powerful correlation among strong relationships, lower rates of chronic absenteeism, and improved student outcomes. Read about it here:

<https://www.naesp.org/resource/reduced-absenteeism-relies-on-family-engagement/>

- **Resources for schools from Rocky Mountain Family Engagement Collective**

◇ Partnering with Families for Student Success
 ◇ Strategies, Resources, and Solutions for Teachers

See: <https://www.rmfec.org/learning>

- **2024 Edition of Promising Practices**

◇ The State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education (SACPIE) and the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) are pleased to share this 10th annual collection of Promising Partnership Practices. The purpose of this publication is for schools, districts, and other educational organizations in Colorado to highlight how they partner with families and the community for student success. See: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/sacpie/promising-partnership-practices-book-2024>

- **Are you looking for high impact ideas to help with FSCP at your school?**

◇ Colorado Department of Education (CDE) created this website of high impact strategies and resources being used across the state of Colorado:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/familyengagement/highimpactstrategies>

◇ Implementation resources for FSCP from CDE to help at your school:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/familyengagement/implementationresources>

◇ **Free FSCP Courses** from CDE are available. Courses are located at: <https://colorado-department-of-education.mylearnworlds.com/courses>. Be sure to hit the load more button to see all the courses available.

Opportunities for Involvement—

We have the following full DAC membership positions available :

- 1 opportunity school parent
- 1 High school administrator
- 1 rep from higher education

please apply [here](#)

DAC

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Those who can do,
do. Those who can
do more, volunteer.
AUTHOR UNKNOWN



PALMER HS TOWN HALL



**COLLABORATE
WITH THE
RENOVATION
COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT TEAM**



Monday 9/9/24



5:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Palmer High
School Library



Stay up to date on all things
Palmer Renovations at:



Take the community survey at:

<https://www.d11.org/palmerrenovations/home>

<https://tinyurl.com/PalmerHSSurvey>

100-Year Celebration—

North Middle School (612 E Yampa St) will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 5:30pm. There will be food trucks, games, tie-dying, and both building and grounds tours to include historic documents from the past 100 years! The event will be mostly student-directed and they welcome all members of the community to help them celebrate!



2024 SAC Handbook is available on the DAC webpage

The D11 SAC handbook has been updated for 24-25 and provides all the by-laws and requirements for a school SAC along with an agenda planning guide, links to useful references, and relevant contact information. The 24-25 version of the SAC Handbooks can be found at <https://www.d11.org/administration/dac/home/sac-handbook-cde-dac-handbook> (available soon).

SAC Updates

Colorado Department of Education (CDE) District Accountability Handbook



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The CDE District Accountability Handbook, updated July 2024, is also available at <https://www.d11.org/administration/dac/home/sac-handbook-cde-dac-handbook>. The handbook provides detailed info on all District Accountability Committee and School Accountability Committee requirements and best practices from the CDE perspective.

First SAC Training Work Session Thursday, Sep 26, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

- This first SAC Training Work Session for school year 24 – 25 **will be in-person at Tesla**. We hope to provide links in advance to briefing materials and handouts.
- The final agenda is still in development, but we hope to have an opportunity for each Area Superintendent to meet with their SAC chairs and principals to give updates on the district support for each area.
- We will have an overview on standard operating procedures for the new attendance, behavior, and cell phone policies.
- We also will provide breakout sessions on
 - a) SAC 101
 - b) SAC Duty Refresh UIP duties, and
 - c) Family Engagement.



School Accountability Committee Training (SAC 101)

- A narrated PowerPoint video that covers the roles and responsibilities of SACs (our SAC 101 training) would be a great start to your first SAC meeting of the year. It is available at <https://www.d11.org/administration/dac/home/dac-meeting-handouts-notes/sac-training-hand-outs>
- The PDF version of the slides, with active links to additional resources is available at <https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1693229448/d11org/wkul9gkjwywuss4cbo2h/SAC.pdf>.
- The DAC team will work directly with new SAC chairs to provide guidance and assistance as needed.
- If you have SAC questions or need assistance, please contact Trudy Tool at trudy.tool@d11.org and she will forward your request to the correct person.
- We also plan to include SAC 101 training in the first SAC Training Work Session on Sep 26th. [Note: Want to be a “SAC member in the know” check out the CDE acronym list at <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeacronyms>]

SAC UPDATES (Continued)

Key Deadlines of Interests to SACs



SPF

- Week of August 26, 2023: All schools get preliminary SPF and rating from CDE. Schools with an rating of “Improvement” or better must complete the final draft of One Plan/USIP and submit updated USIPs to CDE by Oct 15, 2024. January 15, 2025, is the deadline for newly identified schools and districts to submit the UIP.
- September 2024: Board of Education Public Hearing on USIPs for Priority Improvement and Turnaround schools already “on the clock”.
- November 2024: Board of Education Public Hearing on USIPs for schools receiving first time Priority Improvement or Turnaround ratings in 2023.
- Sep 26, 2024: First 2024 SAC Training session 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Tesla
- Aug 14–Sep 4, 2024: Grades 1-3 Beginning of Year (BOY) DIBELS 8 Reading test, Aug 14– Nov 8 for Kindergarten.

SAC Meeting Agenda Planning

Every month we intend to provide a reasonable flow of SAC agenda topics for the month that meet the broad responsibilities of School District 11 SACs. This is just a reference tool and individual SACs should tailor agendas appropriate to their school needs and emphasis. The following are some of the agenda topics that are recommended for the **September 2024** SAC meeting (Theme Instructional Focus and USIP):

- SAC orientation (if not done in Aug.)
- Review SAC Handbook for school year 2024-25
- If not done in Aug, review school “One Plan”/USIP status and instructional focus for 24– 25. Update drafts generated during spring 24 “One Plan” symposium based on spring state test results, e.g. CMAS, PSAT/ SAT, SPF score etc., and Administration feedback – finalize USIP for Oct 15, 2024 submission to CDE if needed.
- Review school “One Plan”/USIP monitoring and evaluation strategy (School planning teams should review and update Action Steps, Evidence and Artifacts at least monthly)
- Review District/state assessment plans/actions for school for 24-25.



Good Things Happening in the District

Adams ES—



**John Adams
Elementary**

Adams Ceramics Club and Concrete Couch started a partnership to create and construct a community ceramic mural that represents people who have contributed and connected to the neighborhood support programs, both past, present and future. This is just the first phase of the mural located at Circle & Martin Luther King Jr Bypass (Hwy 24). The mural is located on Circle westside underpass retaining wall.



A special thank you to Mr. Dave Koller (Art teacher), The Concrete Couch, K-LAND, Mr. Yemi Mobolade (Mayor), Mr. Tony Exum (Senator), and Nancy Henjum (City Council) for supporting this partnership!

Columbia ES—

Congratulations to Jennifer Michener, teacher at Columbia ES, who will be honored at the Air Force vs San Jose State game on Saturday, September 7th at 5:00pm. Air Force athletics will honor nine educators at the game. In addition to being honored, they will all receive \$1,000 to be used in their classrooms.

A Teacher in Your School Won!

Air Force Athletics will recognize 9 teachers on the field during the September 7th football game against San Jose State. The 9 finalists will receive a \$1,000 grant to use on supplies in their classroom.

GREAT TEACHERS CHANGE LIVES



Air Force vs. San Jose State Saturday, Sept. 7 - 5 PM

Visit: leva-enterprise.com/event/USAFEDUCATIONDAY
or call 719.472.1895

Doherty HS—

Girls flag football will be a sanctioned sport in Colorado. 2024 is the first year and Doherty HS and Coronado HS have put together teams for 2024. For the Spartans specifically, once the news came out in April, student- Alyssa Ramos took things into her own hands. Head Coach Rodney Pierson said she went around the school with a sign-up sheet to make sure Doherty would be one of the original teams as the sport, continues to grow making history in Colorado.

