



# ***EAST OTERO SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1***

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September 27, 2018

Dear Parent,

Each school in Colorado is assigned an overall school performance rating every year based on student performance and growth on state assessments. Graduation rates and college matriculation are also considered for high schools. Following the assignment of performance ratings, each school is required to develop a Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) that outlines targets for performance outcomes and strategies that the school will implement to improve academic outcomes for students.

Based on our school's performance and growth on the 2018 assessments given last spring, our school was given a Turnaround status based on low-performance in the areas of achievement. Attached is the complete 2018 School Performance Framework report that describes how our school has been evaluated.

Our UIP will provide us with a focused improvement plan, including an analysis of student performance data and a detailed action plan. The plan must incorporate ideas and feedback from parents, be approved by the East Otero School District R-1 Board of Education, and be submitted to the Colorado Department of Education on or before January 15, 2019 for review.

Our School Accountability Committee will hold a public meeting to gather input from parents concerning the development of the plan on November 13, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. in the La Junta Intermediate School Commons. Prior to adopting a plan, our school board will hold a public hearing on December 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at La Junta Intermediate School to review the plan. For more information, please contact Rick Lovato at (719) 384-6900.

You can learn more about Colorado's school accountability system here:  
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/stateaccountability> or  
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/accountabilityfactsheet2018>.

If you have any questions about our overall school performance rating or how you can get involved in our improvement efforts, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Rick Lovato  
Superintendent