



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

*Central Administrative Office*

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September 16, 2019

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 2019 assessments given last spring, La Junta Intermediate school was given a Turnaround status based on low-performance in the areas of achievement. Attached is the complete 2019 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, 2020, for review. To meet that deadline, our UIP will be developed according to the following timeline:

- Our School Accountability Committee will hold a public meeting to gather input from parents concerning the development of the plan on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., in the La Junta Intermediate School Auxiliary Room.
- Prior to adopting a plan, our school board will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the La Junta Intermediate School Auxiliary Room to review the plan.
- UIP will be submitted for review by January 15, 2020.

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

If you have any questions about our overall school performance rating or how you can get involved in our improvement efforts, please contact the Superintendent at 719-384-6900.

Sincerely,

Rick Lovato  
Superintendent