March 4, 2026

Dear Superintendents and BOCES directors,

Today we are sharing the following updates:

- Rulemaking reminders: Healthy School Meals for All, student restraint and seclusion, SB25-315
- Colorado state budget update
- Update on Colorado measles exposures
- Three days left until the TLCC Survey closes
- Teacher of the Year nominations are open until March 20, and our Communications Toolkit has everything you need to let your community know!
- The March attendance toolkit is available now.
- Below you will see one more plea about the Teaching and Learning Conditions Colorado Survey – there are still three whole days left for teachers to share their feedback.

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During its March meeting, the State Board of Education will discuss and may vote on the following:

- Proposed rules on Healthy School Meals for All
    - Written comments are due by March 4; speakers must sign up by noon on March 10.
- Proposed updates to rules for student restraint and seclusion
    - Written comments are due by March 4.
- Proposed rules that set a formula for start-up funding for college and career readiness programs
    - Written comments will be accepted until the final vote on these proposed rules.

Colorado state budget update

As you know, the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) met to hear about our department's State Operations budget request last week in its figure setting for CDE. This figure setting process is one of several steps required during state budget development and adoption. On Friday, Feb. 27, our State Board

of Education approved our recommendations for "come backs" (requested revisions to the proposed budget reductions). The JBC may also revisit any decisions following the March budget forecast, which is typically around the middle of the month. We will keep you updated once the legislature finalizes decisions.

Update on Colorado measles exposures
As I shared in Monday's CDE Update, CDPHE has made updates to its measles exposure tracking page. To support you and your teams with the most updated information and resources, our School Health Services Office is holding a call with 400+ school nurses today. We will also have representatives from CDPHE on our monthly superintendent call coming up on Tuesday, March 10 at 8am.

Three days left until the TLCC Survey closes
The TLCC Survey will close on Monday, March 9. We have created a communications toolkit to help you share the survey with your teams. If at least 50% of your staff participates, you will receive data reports on your results (here is the data dashboard from 2024). *If you need your district's building codes, please contact Lisa Steffen at steffen_l@cde.state.co.us*.

Warm Regards,

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