March 11, 2026

Dear Superintendents and BOCES directors,

Today we are sharing the following updates:

- Public comment open for proposed changes to federal contracting and grant terms
- Slides from 3/10 Superintendent Call
- Teacher of the Year nominations are open until March 20

Public comment open for proposed changes to federal contracting and grant terms

The federal General Services Administration (GSA) has proposed changes to federal contracting and grant terms that could affect recipients across multiple federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Education. If finalized, the proposal would require grantees and contractors to certify compliance with certain federal legal interpretations related to areas such as diversity, equity, and inclusion; immigration; public safety; and religious liberty. The proposal also outlines potential enforcement mechanisms, which could include termination of funding or other legal actions if recipients are found to be out of compliance. Because these provisions could apply broadly across federal funding programs, they may have implications for state, local, and organizational policies and practices. The public comment period on these proposed changes is open through March 30.

Slides from 3/10 Superintendent Call

This week's CDE Monthly Superintendent Call included an update from CDPHE with information and resources about measles. The slide-deck from the meeting includes updates from CDPHE starting at slide 11. CDPHE also provided a flowchart for school-level measles exposures.

Teacher of the Year nominations are open until March 20

Nominations for Colorado's 2027 Teacher of the Year are open through March 20. We've created a 2027 Colorado Teacher of the Year Nomination Communications Toolkit with everything you need to encourage your community to nominate your educators.

Warm Regards,

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