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Dear Superintendents and BOCES directors,

Today, I am sharing the following updates:

- CDE presentation to the Legislative Joint Technology Committee (JTC)
- Update on release dates and embargoed information for January data releases
- Resources and information on respiratory viruses
- US Department of Education (ED) announces Presidential 1776 Award

Please note that our weekly updates will be paused through the holidays unless there is an urgent and time-sensitive need. Our next weekly update will be on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026.

CDE presentation to the Legislative Joint Technology Committee (JTC)
Earlier today, we gave a presentation before the JTC; the slides are attached to this email. These include an overview of the school finance modernization request starting on slide three.

Update on release dates and embargoed information for January data releases
We have updated our timeline for our two January data releases on 24-25 graduation and drop-out data and 25-26 student enrollment data. This includes an earlier date by which you will receive embargoed enrollment information.

- Wednesday, Jan 7: Districts receive the following under embargo until Jan. 13 at 8am
    - 24-25 graduation/dropout data
    - 25-26 enrollment data
- Tuesday, Jan. 13: public release of the following through press release at 8am and media briefing at 9am
    - 24-25 grad/dropout data
    - 25-26 enrollment data
- Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 8am: embargo lifts

Resources and information on respiratory viruses

As you may know, Colorado currently has one of the highest flu rates in the country. Earlier this week, CDPHE sent emails and text messages to more than 225,000 families with children ages six months to five years with a reminder about the flu vaccine. We know time is short before the break, but below are health resources and information to support you and your communities.

- Respiratory Virus Immunization Data - Colorado
- CDPHE Viral Respiratory Disease Data
- Is it a cold or flu?
- Children's Hospital Bug Watch
- Measles Tracking - Colorado
- Vaccine Information

US Department of Education (ED) announces Presidential 1776 Award
This week, ED announced the launch of the Presidential 1776 Award to recognize students' knowledge of the founding of our country. High school students will compete in three rounds of multiple-choice and verbal exams, and three winners will receive scholarships totaling $250,000, with the national finals to be held in Washington, D.C. in June 2026. You can find more information on the ED website.

Warm Regards,

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