August 12, 2025

Dear Superintendents and BOCES directors,

Today I am sharing the following updates:

- Slides from today's CDE Monthly Superintendent Call
- Materials for required prevention of harassment, discrimination, and bullying training
- State Board of Education launches remote public comment
- Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations Advances in Senate (from CCSSO)
- Title I-C Funding and Services for Students

Slides from today's CDE Superintendent Call
Thank you to those who were able to join us for this morning's call. You can click here to access the deck with the information we covered.

Materials for required prevention of harassment, discrimination, and bullying training
State law requires public schools to provide training to all employees about discrimination and harassment as defined in C.R.S. 22-1-143 starting in the 2025-26 school year. The deadline for employees to complete training is December 31, 2025. You can find video options for the discrimination and harassment training to accompany the PowerPoint version and facilitator guides on our website. The videos are accessible and have closed captions.

State Board of Education launches remote public comment
To make the public comment process more accessible to all Coloradans, the State Board of Education is launching remote (virtual) public comment! This new option will be available starting at the board's August meeting on August 20 and speakers can sign up online starting at 12pm on August 13. Visit our website to learn more about the remote and in-person public comment process.

From CCSSO: Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations Advances in Senate
Last week, the Senate Committee on Appropriations advanced the FY 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act (LHHS) by a bipartisan vote of 26-3. The Senate legislation includes a $50 million increase for education for the disadvantaged and a $50 million increase for IDEA over current funding levels. The bipartisan Senate bill does not propose consolidating or eliminating certain K-12 or IDEA programs, which had been proposed in the President's FY 2026 budget proposal. Importantly, this legislation also includes new language requiring ED to provide funds to states on the date they become available for obligation, meaning July 1 or October 1. The House Appropriations Committee is planning to markup their version of the FY 2026 LHHS bill after the August recess.

Title I-C Funding and Services for Students
As we shared in the Aug. 4 update, we have received the Title I-C Migrant Education Program federal funding for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. We plan to continue working with the existing regional partners so they can continue providing seamless supports. As you begin the school year, **please be sure to include the Occupational Survey in your registration packets** (English; Spanish). This important tool helps us identify eligible students for Title I-C and ensure they receive the services

and supports available through the program. If you have any questions, please contact the State Director Tomas Mejia at Mejia_t@cde.state.co.us.

Warm Regards,

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