July 30, 2026

Dear superintendents and BOCES directors,

Today, I am sharing the following updates:

- Action required: Sharing CDE parent survey on education options
- Update on the Public Placements Reimbursement Fund
- Reminder: Survey from Dillinger for LEP data collection for part-time programs for homeschool students

Action required: Sharing CDE parent survey on education options
To gather feedback from Coloradans in response to House Bill (HB) 26-1428, we are asking for your help to survey parents and families about their choices in school options. This feedback will inform State Board rulemaking and policy development.

Action required for ALL districts between now and Aug. 31:

- Share the parent/family link with your community
    - We have created an email template; this document has tabs with the email and survey in English and Spanish.
    - Please share this in the methods that work best for your communities.
    - The survey will be open through Aug. 31.

We will also share this information with our school communicators listserv.

Reminder: Survey from Dillinger for LEP data collection for part-time programs for homeschool students
Earlier this week, you or your assigned point of contact received an email from Dillinger Research and Applied Data with a link to the survey related to House Bill (HB) 26-1428 requires Local Education Providers (LEP) to share information regarding online learning and part-time programs for homeschool students. We have received a few messages confirming that this email and survey link were authentic. Please know that we are partnering with Dillinger on this data collection. If you have any specific questions about completing this form, please feel free to reach out to Kate at kmcdonald@dillingerrad.org.

Update on the Public Placements Reimbursement Fund
Our state's special education law has set aside a small pot of reimbursement funding for administrative units that paid tuition costs for in-state facility schools for certain students with disabilities who did not have a defined residency, e.g. when parental rights were terminated or relinquished, or when parents were incarcerated, could not be located, or were out of state and the Department of Human Services (DHS) placed the student in the facility. This year, we worked to update the criteria to qualify for reimbursements and increase the amount of funding available. Some out-of-state placements will also be eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursements to administrative units for qualifying costs incurred in the 2026-27 school year will be paid through a process that the State Board of Education will establish in rulemaking in fall 2026. Please click here for more information.

Warm regards,
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