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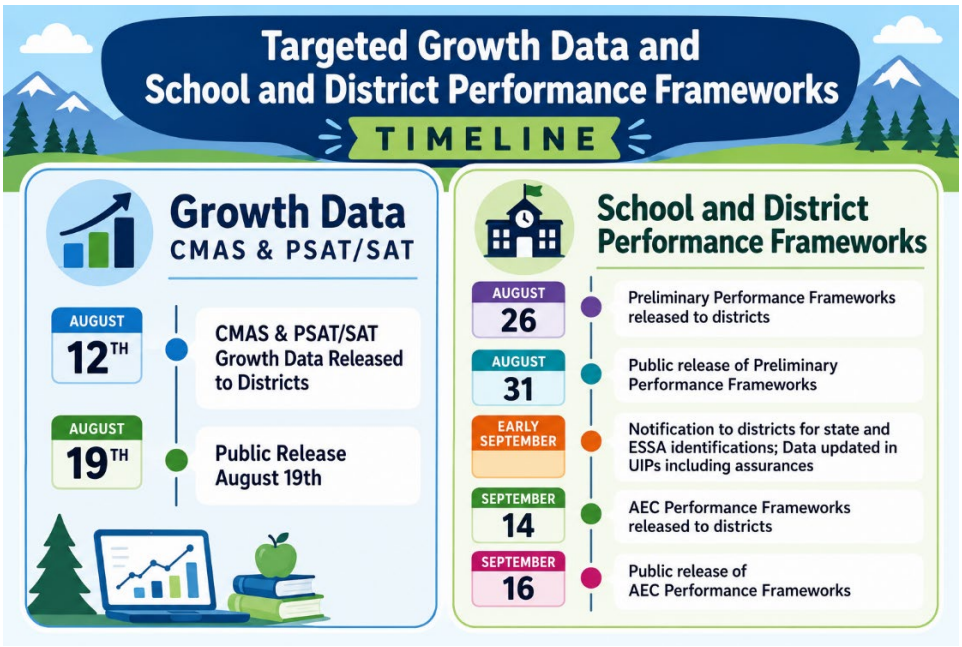
Hello Accountability Contacts,

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year! We have a few updates for you as we prepare for the release of growth data and the School and District Performance Frameworks.

NOTICE - all IdM applications including the UIP Online System/Accreditation Form continue to be unavailable (8/5) as we migrate to the new identity management system. We will continue to provide updates through the system transition.

Academic Growth and Performance Framework Preliminary Release

CDE is on track to release accountability-related data files and reports throughout the month of August and early September. Below are our target release dates. **As a reminder, the data files shared with authorized district level Accountability Contacts are embargoed until their public release** - you may share data with personnel as needed. The CMAS Individual Student Growth Reports (ISRs) may be downloaded and shared with families right away. This embargo process provides your neighboring districts with time to understand their own data. Thanks for your cooperation.



Note that WIDA ACCESS Growth data was released to districts on June 29th and is embargoed until the public release on August 19th. ACCESS ISRs are available upon request.

Unified Improvement Planning

Improvement plans are due for public posting on **October 15** unless the district is eligible for submission flexibility (e.g., biennial, combined, January). UIP templates and embedded dashboards will be updated based on embargoed Performance Framework data. Relevant pre-populated instructions, required assurances and submission deadlines will appear within three days of performance framework data releases to support planning work.

Accountability and Improvement Training Offerings and Resources

Updated resources for the 2026-27 school year:

- The 2026 Changes Document includes a summary of changes from previous practice relative to state accountability and planning.
- The District Accountability Handbook and Identification Supplement provide an outline of the requirements and responsibilities for the state, district, and school stakeholders in the state's accountability process.
- 2026 WIDA ACCESS Score Change Analysis and Impact of 2026 Performance Frameworks
- Insufficient State Data Ratings Fact Sheet has been updated to reflect the new Low Participation identification.
- A Postsecondary Workforce Readiness and Accountability FAQ has been developed to address the relationship between PWR and state accountability for schools and districts, including the opportunity to submit additional questions for clarification.
- The updated UIP Handbook includes information on improvement planning process and UIP product.
- Accreditation and Request to Reconsider guidance has been updated for 2026 including additional information on matriculation and ISD: Low Participation submissions. Additional templates and resources will be available by the end of the week.

Register for Upcoming Webinars and Professional Development Offerings:

- Growth 101 Webinar
    - August 7 from 10-11am
- State Accountability 101 Webinar
    - August 13 from 10-11am
- Stakeholder Engagement Webinar
    - August 27 1-2pm

- District Leader Planning Impact Workshop - From Accountability to Action: Strengthening Improvement Planning - Collaborate with your district peers on supporting identification and continuous improvement across sites.
    - Metro Hybrid Session - August 27 8:30-12pm and
    - Rural Focused Session - August 28 9-11:30am
- Accreditation and Request to Reconsider Webinar
    - September 3 from 9-10am
- Insufficient State Data and Planning Webinar
    - September 9 from 10-11:30am
- Insufficient State Data: Low Participation Webinar
    - September 10 from 9:30-10:30am

Visit the 2026-27 professional learning opportunities flier for additional information on upcoming professional development and on demand support.

IdM Updates and District Accountability Contacts Designation

To access performance framework and growth data (including access to personally identifiable information for students), districts must assign an Accountability Contact using the Identity Management (IdM) system. Note that CDE is updating the IdM system August 4-5; updates can be found on the IDM website, or review the New LAM Quick Guide and New IDM User Guide for District Staff.

The LAM assigns the UIP~Accountability_Contact role to the superintendent or the superintendent's designees who will be responsible for:

- Submitting the Accreditation Form
- Receiving performance framework results and related data, including student Personally Identifiable Information (PII) via Syncplicity
- Receiving accountability related communications

For more information on UIP set-up visit the Assignment user guide.

Accreditation Form (Required Completion for All Districts)

Based on the preliminary DPF and SPF reports, all districts must submit the Accreditation Form (available on the Accreditation Portal within the UIP online system to District Accountability Contacts) indicating the district and local school board's accreditation ratings for their schools by September 25. This is an opportunity for districts to indicate if they want to participate in the request to reconsider process to adjust a district or school's plan type.

Accountability for Alternative Education Campuses

The State Board of Education approved applications for Alternative Education Campuses (AEC) designations at their July meeting. The approved list is published on the CDE website. AEC frameworks are anticipated to be released in early to mid-September.

TLCC - Release of Enhanced Survey Reports

The 2026 survey reports have been updated to include many new additional reporting and configuration options. To access these features now, request a free Panorama user account or log into your existing Panorama user account. On October 1, all public reports will convert to the new Enhanced Survey Report format. We will have trainings on enhanced reporting this fall. For more information visit the TLCC Survey webpage.