Dear superintendents and BOCES directors,

Today, I am sharing the following updates:

- Update from CDE's Investigation Unit on access to criminal history reports
- Update on IDM Project
- Dates for attendance/chronic absenteeism releases and preliminary SPFs/DPFs
- US Department of Education letters: school discipline, educational technology

Update from CDE's Investigation Unit on access to criminal history reports

As part of changes from the CBI/FBI, our Investigation Unit is no longer permitted by CBI/FBI to post FBI criminal history reports for public school districts through eLicensing Verification Access (EVA). As a result, districts should now require new licensed hires to be fingerprinted specifically for Licensed Personnel under 22-32-109.9, C.R.S., in addition to any fingerprinting required for educator licensure. This will allow districts to receive criminal history information directly from CBI. Districts should also consider fingerprinting existing licensed staff who have not previously been fingerprinted for the district under this statute. You can visit our website for more information, next steps, and contact information. Contact cdelicensingbackgroundunit@cde.state.co.us for questions.

Update on IDM Project

As you may know, we are experiencing some issues with accessing the following systems: Data Pipeline; RITS; EDIS; State Equal, and the IDEA/Fed App for 25/26 and earlier. While the majority of systems are accessible for most people, we do know that there are still issues. We are working to resolve this as quickly as possible and are in touch with your Local Access Managers directly on this issue. We have identified a temporary work-around that your Local Access Managers can use to access the systems, and we are working on a long-term resolution.

Dates for attendance/chronic absenteeism releases and preliminary SPFs/DPFs

We have updated our 26-27 Key Dates Calendar to include details on our data release for attendance and chronic absenteeism and preliminary SPFs/DPFs. The dates for those are below:

Attendance/Chronic Absenteeism

- Aug. 20, 2026: Embargoed data and press release to districts (data contacts, communications contacts)

- Aug. 25, 2026: Embargo lifts at 9am, Media release goes out at 9, media briefing at 10

Preliminary SPFs/DPFs

- Aug. 31 at 9am: Press release on **preliminary** school and district performance frameworks (SPFs/DPFs)
    - The State Board of Education finalizes these in December

US Department of Education letters: school discipline, educational technology

This week, the US Department of Education (ED) issued two Dear Colleague Letters this week on educational technology (attached) and on school discipline policies.

Warm Regards,

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