Dear superintendents and BOCES directors,

Today, I am sharing the following updates:

- Reminder: attendance and chronic absenteeism data release on Thursday, Aug. 27
- 2026-2027 State Board of Education Regulatory Agenda
- *Voluntary and Optional* Colorado Health Institute study on statewide educator health insurance
- 2025-2026 Student End of Year Collection - deadline extension

Reminder: attendance and chronic absenteeism data release on Thursday, Aug. 27

We will release our 2025-2026 attendance and chronic absenteeism data tomorrow at 8am with a press release and a news briefing. Your district data respondents have received embargoed school and district data and a state table.

2026-2027 State Board of Education Regulatory Agenda

With the school year underway, we also expect that it will be a busy year for our State Board of Education's regulatory agenda. You can find a draft of the 2026-2027 agenda on our website to see our department's plans for rulemaking for this year. Please note that this document reflects our intent but is subject to change. Per the requirements of SB 26-137, these are rules that have been identified as most in need of updating, but this list is not exhaustive. We welcome comments from the public about additional rule changes that are needed. Please email state.board@cde.state.co.us with any feedback.

2025-2026 Student End of Year Collection - deadline extension

We are extending the initial Regular Phase Deadline for the Student End of Year Collection to Sept. 17. To accommodate the extended Regular Phase deadline, additional collection date changes were made, impacting the Cross LEA Phase and the beginning of the Post-Cross LEA phase. The final November deadline, December verification form deadline, and January 2027 data release are not impacted by this change. Please review the complete adjusted SEY Collection Timeline (PDF) on the SEY Website.

***Voluntary and Optional* Colorado Health Institute study on statewide educator health insurance**

The Colorado Health Institute (CHI) is undertaking a study to assess whether statewide health insurance pooling could improve affordability for Colorado public school employees and districts. The goal is to provide policymakers, school districts, educators, and other stakeholders with an independent, evidence-based assessment of potential policy

approaches rather than advocating for any particular model. In order to complete the study, CHI is requesting that districts share some basic health insurance data. If you are interested in helping with this research, please email the below data in any form convenient to you to: berhanuo@coloradohealthinstitute.org. ***Your data will be deidentified prior to the analysis.***