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Subject: 2026 Preliminary School & District Performance Frameworks Ready for Review

Hello Superintendents and Accountability Contacts,

This communication is to let you know that your preliminary School and District Performance Framework reports will be available to district accountability contacts via Syncplicity today. Files are in the process of being uploaded, and will be located in the 'Accountability_Contact' folder (File path: 'Performance Framework' -> 'Prelim_2026_Frameworks'->'2026_Preliminary_Reports'). To log-in to Syncplicity go to: https://my.syncplicity.com/. For issues accessing the files, contact accountability@cde.state.co.us.

All 2026 Preliminary Performance Framework information is embargoed until August 31 when CDE releases this information publicly.

The purpose of these preliminary reports is to provide you with an overview of school and district performance based on statewide measures. In addition to other local measures of performance, these reports can provide actionable information to identify bright spots or target interventions.

The preliminary ratings will be available publicly on the performance framework results webpage and data dashboards at the end of the day on **August 31**. As a courtesy to other districts as they prepare for the release of their preliminary ratings, we ask that you refrain from releasing your frameworks publicly until the embargo period ends. You may choose to share your district's preliminary results publicly with your staff, but we ask you to refrain from sharing with your local board, media or others until the embargo ends next week.

The tentative schedule to publish finalized framework ratings publicly is:

- November 2026 (after the 11/12-13 state board meeting) for districts and schools not participating in request to reconsider.
- December 2026 (after the 12/9-10 state board meeting) for districts and schools participating in request to reconsider.

Official Ratings (Official v. Informational Reports)

CDE runs 1-year and multi-year frameworks for all districts and schools. We release both reports through Syncplicity -- one is the official framework, and one is solely for informational purposes. To see which rating is used for official reporting, refer to the first

page of a school or district's PDF. The header at the top (black banner) will say either "Official Rating" or "Informational Rating." Official ratings are used for accountability purposes and for public reporting.

Updated Achievement files

Note that we are also re-releasing achievement indicator detail files after correcting an error in inclusion rules. This only affected achievement data from previous years included in 3-year frameworks, and only multilingual learner newcomers from previous years. The revised files can be found in the 'Performance Framework-> Prelim_2026_Frameworks-> 2026_Framework_Detail_Files' subfolder and are titled ADA_PFWK_ACH_STUDENT_DETAIL.

Accreditation Form. Note that the framework reports are intended to inform the accreditation plan type and have implications for future work (e.g., improvement planning, grant eligibility). The reports are considered preliminary, and **all districts** must complete the Accreditation Form (**now available** in the Accreditation Portal within the UIP online system) by **September 25** to indicate their agreement with the district rating and school plan types, or to indicate intention to participate in request to reconsider. In some cases, districts may choose to supply additional evidence that influences school plan types and district accreditation ratings. If this is the case, we will work with your district through the request to reconsider process.

Unified Improvement Planning. The pre-populated requirements will be updated with the preliminary performance framework data and other relevant program information (i.e., state and federal requirements, assurances) over the next couple of weeks. Districts and schools are required to submit their Unified Improvement Plan by **October 15**. Newly identified schools or those engaging the request process can request a submission deadline of January 15, see the guidance for additional detail. Additional planning resources are available including strategy guides and the quality criteria. For general questions and support, contact uiphelp@cde.state.co.us.

Parent Notification and Public Hearing – Action Needed within 30 Days. For any districts with schools that received Priority Improvement or Turnaround plan type, this is a reminder that the parent notification and public hearing process has a fairly tight timeline. Parents must be notified within 30 days of receiving the plan type; the public hearing must be scheduled no sooner than 30 days after notification. For more information see the Parent Notification and Public Hearing Requirements.

Districts with Alternative Education Campuses (AECs)

AEC performance framework calculations are now underway, with an expected release on September 14th. Districts with an AEC can expect to receive a separate communication when AEC ratings are posted in Syncplicity. The ratings will then be available publicly three business days later.

Accountability and Identification Support. There are key resources that provide information about the preliminary school and district frameworks:

- The 2026 Changes Document describes changes and considerations for accountability (e.g., frameworks, UIP, ESSA identifications)
- The Annotated Framework Report illustrates changes specific to the performance framework for 2026
- 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.
- Accreditation and Request to Reconsider guidance has been updated for 2026 including additional information on matriculation and ISD: Low Participation submissions. Submission templates will be available on the website on 8/31.

Register for Upcoming Webinars and Professional Development Offerings:

- Stakeholder Engagement Webinar August 27 1-2pm
- District Leader Planning Impact Workshops - From Accountability to Action: Strengthening Improvement Planning
- 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.

Good luck in launching the school year! We appreciate all the hard work that you and your staff do for students across Colorado!

Best,
Anne