Dear superintendents and BOCES directors,

Today, I am sharing the following updates:

- *Voluntary and Optional* Colorado Health Institute student on statewide educator health insurance
- Upcoming data releases: student discipline/behavior; restraint and seclusion
- Reminder: CDE Monthly Superintendent Call on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 8am

***Voluntary and Optional* Colorado Health Institute student 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.***

Requested Data

- County
- Size (number of students enrolled)
- Urban / rural
- For every health plan and enrollment type (e.g., employee-only, employee+spouse, and employee+family) that is offered, what is:
    - The number of employees enrolled
    - The number of total people enrolled (i.e., employees + dependents)
    - The employee premium contribution
    - The employer premium contribution
    - The actuarial value or the "metal tier" (e.g., silver, gold, bronze)
- Number of employees eligible for health benefits by certified/classified status, and number waiving coverage

- How differences in hours worked by classified staff affect eligibility and enrollment for health benefits
- Proportion of total funding allocated to employee health benefits

Upcoming data releases: student discipline/behavior; restraint and seclusion

Data from two collections, the student discipline/behavior and the restraint and seclusion collection, are scheduled to be posted on Wed., Sept. 9. At that time, the Learning Environment District Profile Reports dashboard will also be updated for 2025-26. These profile reports include data from these two collections and other previously released data. Your data respondents and LAMs should receive the embargoed data on Wed., Sept. 2. For any questions, please reach out to Carrie Martin (martin_c@cde.state.co.us).

Reminder: CDE Monthly Superintendent Call on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 8am

We will host our regular monthly superintendent call next Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 8am. In addition to reviewing the CDE Update, we will also provide a presentation on the draft rules for part-time homeschool programs and proposed amendments to the school finance rules. If you do not have the calendar invite, please email Antonio Hermosillo at commissionersupport@cde.state.co.us. As a reminder, you are welcome to send a delegate.