Sept. 9, 2026

Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

Today, I am sharing the following updates:

- Federal funding opportunity: Developing Evidence for Programs to Ensure Nutrition for Development
- Slides from Sept. 8 CDE Monthly Superintendent Call
- Information from Sept. 9 meeting of the State Board of Education

Federal funding opportunity: Developing Evidence for Programs to Ensure Nutrition for Development

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced a new $32.5 million initiative called Developing Evidence for Programs to Ensure Nutrition for Development (DEPEND). DEPEND will make funding available to schools and school districts to test innovative approaches to delivering nutritious foods to school-aged children while strengthening the evidence base for school nutrition interventions. You can learn more on the program website.

Slides from Sept. 8 CDE Monthly Superintendent Call

You can find the slides from yesterday's monthly superintendent call on Google Drive. Our next call is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 8am. If you do not have the calendar invitation for this appointment, contact commissionersupport@cde.state.co.us.

Information from Sept. 9 meeting of the State Board of Education

During today's meeting of the State Board of Education, the Board approved a notice of rulemaking for part-time programs for homeschool students (scheduled for October). I am including below the materials used during today's presentation to the board:

- Memo - Notice of Rulemaking for 1 CCR 301-118 - September 2026.pdf
- Presentation - Notice of Rulemaking Hearing for 1 CCR 301-118 & 301-39 - September 2026.pdf
- Draft Rules - 2026.09.01 1 CCR 301-118 Part Time Programs_Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.pdf
- CDE_Part_Time_Homeschool_Draft_Rules_Explainer.pdf

The board also issued a notice of rulemaking for rules for the administration of the School Finance Act (scheduled for October) . Materials used during that presentation are included below:

- Redline Rules - School Finance Rules, 1 CCR 301-39 (redline).pdf

- Presentation - Notice of Rulemaking Hearing for 1 CCR 301-118 & 301-39 - September 2026.pdf
- Clean Rules - School Finance Act, 1 CCR 301-39 - Sept 2026.pdf

Tomorrow, the board will consider and may vote on a notice of rulemaking for rules for the Administration of the Exceptional Children's Educational Act (ECEA). The materials for that presentation are below:

- Staff Memo - ECEA Notice of Rulemaking - September 2026.pdf
- Staff Presentation - ECEA Rulemaking Notice - September 2026.pdf
- Redline Rules - 1 CCR 301-8 ECEA Rules - 2026.08.31.pdf
- Clean Rules - 1 CCR 301-8 ECEA Rules - 2026.08.31.pdf

As a reminder, in October, the board may also vote on proposed revisions to the rules for 1 CCR 301-92 Administration of the READ Act.

For the October hearing, you can:

- Submit written comments on rules that have been noticed through the board's online feedback form, preferably by Wednesday, Oct. 7.
- Testify during the hearing—either in person or remotely—by signing up between noon on Wednesday, Oct. 7, and noon on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Warm Regards,

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