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Hello Accountability Contacts-- As we *wrap* up the 2026 Performance Frameworks and Unified Improvement Planning process, we have a few updates and next steps. No costume planning required, unless your upcoming classroom walkthroughs include mummy wrapping or a cape!

2027 Target Setting. CDE is not changing any targets for 2027 Frameworks. The State Board of Education reaffirmed current targets outlined in the 2026 Scoring Guide in the October meeting.

Process for Finalizing 2026 Performance Frameworks and School Accreditation. For all districts and schools not participating in a request to reconsider, the ratings that were submitted through this process will be finalized during the November State Board of Education meeting (Nov. 12-13). For sites participating in request to reconsider, CDE will provide recommendations to the state board at the December state board meeting when they finalize the remainder of plan types.

District Accreditation Contracts. After ratings for districts have been finalized (November and December), CDE will send superintendents a link to the district accreditation contract via DocuSign if required or upon request.

- *Districts Accredited with Improvement, Priority Improvement, Turnaround or Insufficient State Data* must sign annually.
- *Districts that are Accredited or Accredited with Distinction* may have their contracts automatically rolled over for up to four years. No action is required, unless you request an update. Districts with a new superintendent or new board president are encouraged to sign their contracts this year. If a district receives an improved rating change (including through request to reconsider), you are also welcome to request an updated contract to reflect the new rating. To initiate the new contract process, email accountability@cde.state.co.us.

Once the superintendent and local board president have signed the contract, then the Commissioner of Education and the State Board President will sign it. Most recent contracts for all districts are posted on the District Accreditation website and SchoolView.

Unified Improvement Plans Posted. A big thank you for braving the new multi-factor authentication gauntlet and submitting 2026-27 UIPs. Plans are available on SchoolView as soon as they are published under the Performance Framework heading. District administrators can re-publish plans at any time (e.g., to attach next quarter's short cycle plan or make mid-course adjustments). Schools and districts requesting a modified rating or assigned a new state or federal identification have the flexibility to submit their plan on January 15, 2027. Plans with a state (On Watch) and federal (CS Y2+) identification will be reviewed and feedback will be provided in 6-7 weeks after submission.

Planning and Impact Workshops Update. The Office of Continuous Improvement has delivered two sessions for district leaders to connect on best practices in supervising continuous improvement efforts in districts.

- **Session 1** From Accountability to Action: Strengthening Improvement Planning
- **Session 2:** Driving Results Through Strategic Alignment and Progress Monitoring

Register for any of the next three virtual sessions to connect with your peers on planning support for the next year

- **Session 3:** Launching the 2027-28 Improvement Planning Process
- **Session 4:** Turning Evidence-Based Strategies into Effective Action
- **Session 5:** Leveraging Data for Stronger Improvement

TLCC Changes to Public Reporting and New Research Findings. Public reporting for the TLCC survey is transitioning from Panorama Classic reporting to Enhances Survey Reporting (ESR). Classic reporting will sunset at the end of the year. Attend two upcoming trainings to learn more:

- From Insight to Action: Using TLCC Data to Strengthen Climate, Culture, and Educator Retention; November 5, 2026 | 8:00 AM Registration Link
- From Survey Findings to Improvement Priorities: Integrating TLCC Data into Unified Improvement Plans; December 3, 2026 | 12:00 PM Registration Link

Additionally, our partners at C-PEER at CU Denver have released new research identifying the teaching and learning conditions most strongly associated with student academic performance and educator retention. These findings can help leaders prioritize where to focus when reviewing TLCC results:

- TLCC & CU Denver 2026 Research Findings
- Research Brief TLCC and Teacher Retention
    - TLCC User Guide - Teacher Retention
- Research Brief TLCC and Student Academic Performance
    - TLCC User Guide - Student Academic Performance

AEC New Optional Measures Application. The new measures application window is open October 1st through October 30. Any measures that are new to an Alternative Education Campus site or new to CDE must go through the new measures application process for approval. Reminder, office hours are available throughout the window for support. For additional information visit the AEC Accountability website.

Have a safe, fun and community engaged Dia de Muertos and Halloween!