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Hello Accountability Colleagues,

As you wrap up this week before fall break, we have some quick reminders about the timeline for finalizing 2026 performance frameworks, updates on accreditation contracts, public reports, UIP feedback and PWR collections.

Finalizing School and District Ratings

During the November 12 state board meeting, the state board finalized preliminary school and district ratings for all sites that did not elect to participate in the request to reconsider process. Based upon recommendation from the department on request to reconsider submissions, the state board is scheduled to finalize the remainder of performance framework plan types at the December 10 meeting. Public resources (e.g., data tools) are scheduled for release around 9am that same day pending state board approval. Final performance frameworks will also be made available in Syncplicity.

Accreditation Contracts

For districts that had ratings finalized at the November state board meeting (e.g., did not participate in request to reconsider), 2026-27 accreditation contracts will be made available to superintendents via DocuSign this week if signatures are required this year (e.g., district rating of Turnaround, Priority Improvement, Improvement or Insufficient State Data, contract signed five years ago). Contracts signed by the superintendent and the local board president are due to CDE by Thursday, December 31. Districts with a new superintendent, new board president or that want their most recent rating listed are encouraged to update their contract and may do so by requesting a contract via email to accountability@cde.state.co.us. For more information, view the District Accreditation webpage.

UIP Feedback

Feedback for plans reviewed by the department (i.e., Priority Improvement, Turnaround, On Watch, select ESSA Comprehensive Support Identification) will be released beginning the week of December 7. Reach out to Lisa Steffen (steffen_l@cde.state.co.us) or Shannon Allen (allen_s@cde.state.co.us) for questions about the feedback, and join us for Session

3: Launching the 2027-28 Improvement Planning Process on January 21 to have some protected time to sketch out the components of next year's improvement cycle.

PWR Data Collection Updates

Earlier this week, DSU notified data respondents that the PWR data collection file layout for Work-Based Learning (WBL) has been updated to include a new required data field. This field was reviewed by EDAC earlier this month, and the updated 2026-2027 file layout has been published on the website. The new field is: **Meets Requirements for Inclusion in State Accountability.** This field indicates whether a Work-Based Learning record meets all published accountability requirements.

- Code 1 (Yes): An official assurance that the WBL record meets all published accountability requirements and that the LEA will provide all supporting documentation requested by CDE.
- Code 0 (No): Indicates that the record does not meet all published accountability requirements.

Note that the accountability requirements are still in draft format and will be finalized and provided after additional stakeholder feedback has been gathered. If you have questions about the draft accountability requirements, please email me (laesecke_a@cde.state.co.us). As a reminder, the **2026-27 PWR collection opens on April 1, 2027, and closes on July 15, 2027.** It is anticipated that this data will be used for points in 2028 Performance Frameworks. If you have questions on the data collection overall, please contact pwrdata@cde.state.co.us or attend one of the weekly Thursday Data Collection Town Hall meetings.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!
Best,
Anne