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Hello Accountability Contacts --  Welcome to the 2025-26 school year! We've got a lot to cover (see topics table below) in this communication, so let's get right to it. As always, please reach out if you have any questions or need assistance on any of the items included in this communication. Take care, Lisa Medler and the Accountability & Continuous Improvement Team

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| **Possible Action** | <ul><li>Assigning District Accountability Contacts</li><li>Recruitment for the Accountability Work Group (AWG)</li></ul> |
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**[Informational] Accountability Data Release Schedule** (see updated accountability timeline at end of this communication)
CDE is on track to release accountability-related data files and reports throughout the month of August and early September.  Below is our best prediction on release dates.  We will be in contact if anything shifts. As a reminder, the data files shared with authorized district level Accountability Contacts are embargoed until their public release - you may share data with personnel as needed. The Individual Student Growth Reports (ISRs) may be downloaded and shared with families right away. This embargo process provides your neighboring districts with time to understand their own data. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Accountability Data and Report Releases**

| Accountability Dataset or Report | Projected Release to Districts | Projected Public Release (embargo ends) |
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| **ACCESS Growth.** The 2025 ACCESS student growth detail files (including On-Track growth) and individual | July 1 (embargoed) | Aug 21 |

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| student growth reports (ISRs) were released to District Accountability contacts via [Syncplicity](#) July 1. | | |
| **CMAS/PSAT/SAT Growth and Other Performance Framework Source Data.** CMAS/SAT student growth detail files, CMAS individual student growth reports (ISRs) and the underlying data used to calculate performance frameworks are scheduled to be released next week to accountability contacts. These files will not contain 2025 preliminary framework plan types. CDE will host a media briefing on August 19 to share information about state-level achievement and growth trends. | Scheduled for Aug 13 (embargoed) | Aug 21 |
| **Preliminary Framework Reports.** PDF reports of the preliminary School and District Performance Frameworks are scheduled for release through Syncplicity to authorized Accountability Contacts in late August. CDE will release preliminary plan type data publicly by posting a file on the [accountability website](#) and in the [District and School Dashboard](#) in early September. | Scheduled for Aug 27 (embargoed) | Sept 3 |
| **Alternative Education Campus Frameworks.** AEC frameworks will be released to accountability contacts in early to mid-September. | Mid Sept (embargoed) | 3 business days later |
| **Data Dashboards through Online UIP.** UIP data dashboard updates are scheduled for August with the release of growth data. This information is accessed by logging into the [UIP/ACI online system](#).  To access the dashboard through the online UIP, go to the "Priorities and Targets" tab. This resource may be used to support staff to build out the data analysis that is needed for improvement planning. | Starting in Aug as data is released to districts | N/A |

**[Possible Action]** **Assigning District Accountability Contacts**
To gain access to accountability-related data files (including student level personally identifiable information - PII), each district superintendent must assign an Accountability Contact. Accountability Contacts for the district are assigned using the Identity Management (IdM) system. Local Access Managers (LAMs) assign the Accountability Contact role to the superintendent or the superintendent's designees who will be responsible for:
- Receiving performance framework results and related data, including student Personally Identifiable Information (PII) via Syncplicity
- Submitting the Accreditation Form

- Receiving accountability related communications

For more information on set-up visit the [webpage user guide](#). Anyone that is interested in receiving accountability communications only (no access to PII) may complete the [Accountability and Improvement Contact Request Form](#) to be added to the mailing list.

**[Possible Action]** **Recruitment for the 2025-26 Accountability Work Group (AWG)**
While the AWG has been in operation for many years, the recent Accountability Bill ([H.B. 25-1278](#)) formalized the group as a state advisory group.  This included requiring specific roles (e.g., superintendents, school and district administrators, statewide organizations, parents) and naming the Commissioner of Education as the appointer. Please help us recruit strong membership as we prepare to implement the new provisions of the accountability work over the next few years. More information is available [here](#). The application can be found [here](#) and is due by **Friday, September 5 @ 5pm.** The first meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 26 from 9-11am. If you have additional questions about the role or process, contact Lisa Medler ([medler_l@cde.state.co.us](mailto:medler_l@cde.state.co.us); 303-656-6619) or Erin Loften ([loften_e@cde.state.co.us](mailto:loften_e@cde.state.co.us);720-475-0681).

**[Informational]** **Additional Accountability Reminders**
> **Accreditation Form (*required for all districts*):** All districts must review and verify the district rating and school plan types using the *Accreditation Form* (in the Accreditation Portal within [the UIP/ACI online system](#)) by **September 26**. The form will be available to district accountability contacts once frameworks are released to districts. Your user role must be designated as "Accountability Contact" to access the form, as described in [this guide](#). For additional support, fill out the [assistance request form](#) using your district's information or email [accountability@cde.state.co.us](mailto:accountability@cde.state.co.us).
> **Request to Reconsider:** Additional details on the 2025 request to reconsider process for schools and districts is posted on the [request to reconsider website](#). The request to reconsider process will begin upon the release of preliminary frameworks.  Final request to reconsider materials are due **October 15.**
> **2025 UIP Plan Submission:** Improvement plans are due for public posting on **October 15** unless the district is eligible for submission flexibility (e.g., biennial, combined, January).  The UIP will be populated with school and district specific information (submission deadlines, requirements) with the public release of rating information. All users of the online template will have access and use the new streamlined version beginning in the 2025-26 school year. Most sites are already using this template, but this will be new for some sites. [This document](#) provides an overview on the changes to the template including using assurances, synthesizing the data presentation, and strategically clarifying terminology.

**[Informational]** **Accountability Resources and Supports**
> **Accountability Resources:** The department has developed a variety of self-serve resources to help understand accountability processes. These include:

·   **2025-26 District Accountability Handbook** - This handbook provides an outline of the requirements and responsibilities for the state, district, and school stakeholders in the state's accountability process.

·   **Accreditation and Request to Reconsider Guidance** - Guidance for Finalizing Accreditation Categories and Submitting Requests to Reconsider for District Accreditation Ratings and School Plan Types for 2025.

·   **2025 Annotated Framework Report** and **2025 AEC Annotated Framework Report -** This resource is an annotated report with call out boxes that identify key information and changes to the performance framework report since the prior release.

·   The timeline chart with the upcoming accountability activities is included at the end of this communication.  All accountability resources are available on the CDE website. For additional accountability support, contact accountability@cde.state.co.us.

**UIP Resources:** A variety of resources have been developed to support district and school leaders in the planning process, including updated Quality Criteria and evidence-based strategy and implementation guides. All UIP resources are available on the CDE website. For additional UIP support, contact UIPhelp@cde.state.co.us.

**School/District Streamlined UIP, Improvement Planning & Accountability Support: Office Hours -** Thirty-minute consultation sessions with School Improvement Planning team staff are available to offer support and guidance regarding school/district Streamlined UIP, improvement planning, data analysis, school performance frameworks, accountability and/or data analysis. You can sign up for one or more sessions at this link.

**Accreditation and Request to Reconsider: Office Hours** - One-hour consultation sessions with CDE staff are available Mondays and Wednesdays from September 1st to October 15th to help address any questions about the accreditation or request to reconsider process. You can register for office hours at this link.

**Upcoming Trainings:** The department is hosting a series of trainings and webinars to support districts and schools with the release of state assessment and performance framework data. These include:

·   **Accreditation and Request to Reconsider Webinar:** September 3, 2025 1:00-2:00pm, register here.

·   CDE staff hosted a **webinar on H.B. 25-1278** on June 12, access the link to the Recording and PowerPoint. Other future training opportunities are posted here: https://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/accountabilitytrainingtechnicalassistance.

**Release of School-Level Learning Environment District Profile Reports this Fall**

In the May Accountability Contact communication, we mentioned that the district profile reports (i.e., a public dashboard that CDE manages involving measures related to the learning environment, including chronic absenteeism, student discipline and behavior, school climate survey information, and mental health professional ratios) will be provided to district staff at the school-level this fall. The profile reports will be shared via Syncplicity, using the same access for designated accountability contacts.  The reports will include data for each school in the district using the data that was submitted to CDE.  The school level reports will not be posted publicly and are intended to support school and district planning.  If you have questions about the profile reports, contact Jewel Sale at sale_j@cde.state.co.us

**[Informational] Updated 2025 Accountability Timeline**
Note: These are the projected release dates.  If anything shifts, CDE will provide updates.

| Date | Activity |
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| April 15 | Rollover to the 2025-26 Unified Improvement Plan template |
| July 1 | WIDA ACCESS growth release |
| August 13 | Accountability data release to districts including CMAS & P/SAT growth data and other underlying data used in performance framework calculations (embargo until August 21) |
| August 19 | Media briefing on state-level achievement and growth trends |
| August 21 | Public release of Performance Framework data including CMAS & P/SAT growth data |
| August 27 | Preliminary Performance Frameworks release to districts (embargo until Sept 3) |
| September 3 | Public release of Preliminary Performance Frameworks |
| Mid-September | AEC Frameworks released to districts (embargo for 3 business days); Notification to districts for state and ESSA identifications; Data updated in Online UIP system including assurances |
| September 26 | Accreditation Form submission (all districts are expected to submit) |
| October 15 | Submission deadline: 1) Unified Improvement Plans submission in Online UIP, unless flexibilities apply; 2) Request to Reconsider materials due in the Accreditation Portal |

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| November 13-14 | District Accreditation Ratings & School Plan Types finalized for Districts/Schools not participating in R2R |
| December 11-12 | District Accreditation Ratings & School Plan Types finalized for Districts/Schools participating in R2R |
| December 31 | District Accreditation Contracts Due |
| January 15 | Optional UIP submission for eligible sites (e.g., sites new to the accountability clock and sites participating in R2R) |