

Hello Accountability Contacts,

Good luck with your sprint to squeeze in as much instruction as possible before the holidays hit. This is just a quick message to give you an important update about the 2024 framework targets and new measures (i.e., Science Achievement, On Track Growth, Postsecondary Workforce Readiness Higher Bar measures) that we think most of you will appreciate. Overall, the performance frameworks methodology and measures will remain unchanged with the exception of adding science back into the Achievement Performance Indicator. More detail is offered below.

As mentioned in our last communication (November 3), the state board has been studying the 2024 proposed framework targets and new measures. Here is a summary of their decisions at the November 8 meeting:

- **2024 Target Methodology.** The 2024 sub-indicator targets and the overall rating targets will remain consistent with 2019 and 2023. This means the state will continue to use the 15-50-85th percentile methodology for the sub-indicators to determine the approaching, meets and exceeds categories. The percentage of points for the ratings (i.e., Distinction for districts, Accredited/Performance, Improvement, Priority Improvement, Turnaround) will also remain unchanged.
- **Re-introduction of Science Achievement.** Science will be included again in the Achievement Performance Indicator. It was previously removed as the state transitioned to new state standards and then a new state assessment.
- **On Track Growth.** This new Performance Indicator will be delayed from inclusion in the frameworks until all school levels can be released at once. The department will be expected to release public reports on this measure, as they are available. It is anticipated that reports can be released at the elementary and middle school levels in 2024, but not for high schools.
- **PWR Higher Bar for ELA & Math and for Other Content Courses.** These new measures will also be delayed for further study because of concerns around data quality.

A big thanks to all of you in the field that provided feedback over the last few months. It does matter when you take the time to articulate the impact of potential changes to our statewide systems. In particular, we would like to recognize the exceptional work of the members on the [Technical Advisory Panel \(TAP\)](#). These are accountability and assessment experts from districts that provide ongoing advice to the department on the Colorado Growth Model and on calculations related to the performance frameworks. The TAP's clear and common sense recommendations were highly valued by the state board as they considered their options.

We will send out another communication in December with more updates (e.g., finalization of 2023 plan types, accreditation contracts, informational reports). In the meantime, enjoy your Thanksgiving break!

Thanks, Lisa and the Accountability & Continuous Improvement team

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