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To: All Colorado Public School Districts
From: Jennifer Okes, Special Assistant to the Chief School Operations Officer
Date: September 24, 2024
Re: Alternative Instruction for Home-Bound and Expelled Students

In March, 2024, the Colorado State Board of Education adopted changes to the Rules for the Administration of the Public School Finance Act of 1994 (1 CCR 301-39). These rules established a requirement, described in Section 5.09, that students who are enrolled exclusively into online K-12 courses, but are not enrolled in an online school, must be enrolled in an online program.

For the 2024/2025 school year, this requirement will not apply to home-bound students (including those students who have been expelled). As defined in section 1.09 of the updated Rules, home-bound pupils “cannot receive instruction in a school setting due to a temporary or permanent illness, hospitalization, medical or mental health impairment or condition, or due to an expelled or incarcerated status.”

Students in grades K-12 who are not enrolled in an online school and who have been expelled, incarcerated, or who have been determined by a district’s IEP or 504 team or otherwise determined pursuant to district policy and procedure to meet the above home-bound restrictions may be scheduled exclusively into online K-12 courses. For funding purposes, these students do not need to be enrolled in an online program. Districts should be prepared, upon audit, to provide appropriate documentation demonstrating a student’s expelled, incarcerated, or home-bound status for students enrolled exclusively in online courses but reported at a brick-and-mortar school.