

COMMISSIONER'S RURAL EDUCATION COUNCIL



January 2019 Highlights

The Commissioner's Rural Education Council traveled to North Valley Middle School in the Weld County RE-1 School District welcomed by Superintendent Don Rangel and staff.



Rural Council members gathered at the North Valley Middle School in LaSalle in January 2019.

Accountability Update

Associate Commissioner Dillon and Director of Accountability and Data Analysis Ashley Piche facilitated a discussion regarding updates to the Accountability System. The current status of the State Board of Education's decisions on targets, weighting, and the growth to standard metric were discussed, in addition to the work of the Technical Advisory Panel. The current timeline for rulemaking and decision-making were also discussed. For more information on HB 18-1355, please see this [fact sheet](#). Stakeholder engagement has been a priority and several SAC and other stakeholder groups have been engaged in discussions concerning accountability throughout the Fall and Winter months.

Legislative Update

Commissioner Anthes led a discussion concerning the legislative horizon, as well as the new relationships being developed with 33 new legislators. Commissioner Anthes is now serving on the Governor's cabinet and looks for this administration to be very engaged in education issues.

State-wide Student Information System Feedback Gathering

CDE's Chief Information Officer Marcia Bohanon and Scott Lee of Wyant Data Services joined the Council to investigate the value of a statewide student information system as a potential way to improve data collection and reporting processes while reducing data and financial burdens on local schools and districts. CDE will be engaging with many stakeholders in the coming months to conduct a value assessment and gather insights and information among many different stakeholder groups. The Council was able to provide advisement and suggestions for possible data collections and also posed many questions regarding the implementation of a statewide system as an option for districts, including training opportunities and financial sustainability. You can read more about this project by visiting <http://www.cde.state.co.us/studentinfosystem>.

Rural Education Council Facts

The Rural Education Council is comprised of superintendents representing each of the eight regions in Colorado, two rural principals, a rural teacher; representatives from the Colorado Association of School Boards, the Colorado Association of School Executives and the Colorado BOCES Association, two rural board of education members and the Colorado Rural Schools Alliance. For a complete listing of Rural Education Council members, as well as agendas and other information, visit the Rural Education Council [web page](#).

The next meeting of the Rural Education Council will be held on May 13th, location TBD.

For questions or more information, contact Denille LePlatt, Director of Rural Services, at 720-520-5118 or leplatt_d@cde.state.co.us.

Regional Presentations

In an effort to build partnerships and collaboration, regional presentations are part of every quarterly meeting. In January, Council member and Superintendent of the Weld County RE-1 School District Don Rangel and administrative staff presented on the focused work the Board, staff, and community has engaged in to greatly improve achievement and growth ratings over time. The Weld County RE-1 School District serves the communities of Gilcrest, Plateville, and LaSalle.

Thank you to Superintendent Rangel and staff for being wonderful hosts!

