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New Colorado Growth Model Feature Allows Exploration of Student Group and District Detail Via SchoolView

The Colorado Department of Education today announced the addition of disaggregated growth and achievement results by student groups through SchoolView, the department's one-stop online site for school and district performance information. The Web address is www.schoolview.org.

Using a new, enhanced version of the Colorado Growth Model software, district and school results are available by groups of students within a district or school. Results for groups of students are available by ethnicity, gender and grade. Results are also available for students identified as gifted and talented and those enrolled as English Language Learners.

To view the disaggregated data, click on "Colorado Growth Model" at SchoolView, select a district by name or using the Colorado state map, and then mouse over the bubbles in the display to view the options you have for displaying group-level detail. The new functionality also allows you to shift up a level to view growth model results for an entire district.

The Colorado Growth Model provides a common understanding of how individual students and groups of students progress from year to year toward state standards, based on where each individual student begins. Background about the Colorado Growth Model is available on

the Learning Center portion of SchoolView at the following link: http://www.schoolview.org/learningcenter.asp

About Accountability Reporting & Data

The 2009-2010 school year is the first under Senate Bill 09-163 ("The Education Accountability Act of 2009"). In addition to aligning the state's school accountability system, the bill also introduced a new way of publishing and distributing school accountability data to the public.

Previously, the Colorado Department of Education published 1 million paper copies of School Accountability Reports with detailed school performance data and a statistical profile of each school. Those reports were released in December each year and distributed through schools to parents.

Under the terms of S.B.09-163, the reporting now shifts to online methods. School accountability data is available at www.schoolview.org.

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