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Colorado Department Of Education Approves Turnaround Plans For Schools Eligible For School Improvement Grants And Intensive Support

Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones announced today the approval of turnaround plans for schools eligible to receive intense turnaround support using federal Title I School Improvement Grant funding.

"This is the first step in the launch of a three-year process to improve Colorado's chronically low-performing schools," said Colorado Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones. "The goal is to increase the academic achievement of all students attending these schools and utilize the support and services from the providers."

The schools can use one of the four intervention models (or a combination of these models) as they approach the work. The four intervention models are turnaround, restart, school closure and transformation. Colorado's Education Accountability Act of 2009 includes similar expectations for those schools identified as chronically low-performing.

The 10 schools with approved three-year plans on Colorado's "Tier I" list are:

- Hanson Elementary School (Adams County School District 14) - \$2,010,180, *transformation*
- Haskin Elementary School (Center Consolidated School District 26JT) - \$1,666,515, *transformation*

- Gilpin K-8 School (Denver Public Schools) - \$1,260,033, *turnaround*
- Greenlee K-8 School (Denver Public Schools) - \$2,256,517, *turnaround*
- Montbello High School (Denver Public Schools) - \$3,388,350, *transformation*
- Philips Elementary School (Denver Public Schools) - \$36,413, *closure*
- Clifton Elementary School (Mesa County Valley School District 51) - \$2,598,111, *transformation*
- Freed Middle School (Pueblo City Schools) - \$2,063,811, *turnaround*
- Youth and Family Academy Charter School (Pueblo City Schools) - \$1,578,681, *transformation*
- Fort Logan Elementary School (Sheridan School District) - \$2,388,570, *turnaround*

The nine schools with approved three-year plans on Colorado's "Tier 2" list are:

- Lake Middle School (Denver Public Schools) - \$2,083,232, *restart and turnaround*
- Noel Middle School (Denver Public Schools) - \$2,776,580, *transformation*
- North High School (Denver Public Schools) - \$3,106,922, *transformation*
- Rishel Middle School (Denver Public Schools) - \$15,387, *closure*
- Skyland Community High School (Denver Public Schools) - \$35,790, *closure*
- Pitts Middle School (Pueblo City Schools) - \$2,159,601, *turnaround*
- Risley Middle School (Pueblo City Schools) - \$2,103,975, *turnaround*
- Roncalli Middle School (Pueblo City Schools) - \$2,212,131, *transformation*

- Central High School (Pueblo City Schools) - \$2,799,228, *transformation*

On March 24, the CDE Office of Federal Programs posted the list of all eligible Tier I, Tier II and Tier III schools. (These tiers follow federal guidelines; see

www.cde.state.co.us/turnaround/cde_turnaroundplan_home.htm

Only schools currently eligible or receiving Title I funds are eligible for grants under the school improvement grant program (from 1003(g) federal funds). In all, the grant program anticipates spending \$37.7 million over the next three years.

For more information on the school turnaround plans and budgets, visit www.cde.state.co.us/turnaround/cde_turnaroundplan_home.htm

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