Colorado Growth Model Implementation

Attn: Superintendents, District Assessment Coordinators

CDE just completed a successful district pilot period for the Colorado Growth Model. The pilot produced some excellent recommendations for ways to potentially improve the application. These recommendations were combined with a list of existing enhancements and will be used to drive the future releases and direction of the Colorado Growth Model. Additional information will be provided on the planned improvements to the model over the course of the next several months. The current Colorado Growth Model with access to the student level data release is now ready for statewide district release.

The Colorado Growth Model shines a spotlight on the state's most effective schools and districts—those that produce the highest sustained rates of growth in student progress. These schools and districts may or may not be districts or schools with the highest test scores every year.

Access to the Colorado Growth Model is granted through the CDE Identity Management System's District Local Access Manager (LAM). Access is provided on an individual basis based on the FERPA requirements and the users need to access student-level data. So far only a small number of districts have delegated access to the Colorado Growth Model through this system. CDE would like to encourage you to push forward in the process of creating access in your districts as soon as possible, so that the new Colorado Growth Model software and student-level data are available to those who need them, especially in preparation for the professional development opportunities CDE and its partners are preparing for this summer.

For more information on the Colorado Growth Model, visit the link below.

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Identity Management System Implementation

Attn: Superintendents, DAC's

CDE continues the implementation of our new Identity Management System. As many of you already know, the CDE Identity Management System incorporates single sign-on and delegated administration features, streamlines the user management experience and provides greater control and flexibility to school districts in providing access to applications and data.

As applications are added to the CDE Identity Management System, district-authorized users will be able to access these applications using a single user id and password. Currently, we are implementing

this process in conjunction with the roll-out of the new private-facing Colorado Growth Model and, in the future, will include Automated Data Exchange (ADE), Colorado Adult Education System for Accountability and Reporting (CAESAR), Record Integration Tracking System (RITS), Colorado Education Data Analysis & Reporting System (CEDAR), as well as any new applications. For more information about the Identity Management System, please see the FAQ's on the CDE Web site at the link.

We are trying to avoid a large rush of registrations around the August release of the 2008/2009 Colorado Growth Model data. We encourage you to register as soon as possible. This information will be helpful if you plan to attend the Growth Model training at the upcoming Colorado Association of School Executives conference. Thank you in advance for your support of this critical effort.

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