

Training/Technical Support (2022)

School Improvement & Planning



As districts and schools are preparing for the upcoming school year, the School Improvement & Planning Unit at CDE has compiled a list of topics and technical assistance opportunities that may be of interest for districts, BOCES or other educational groups. In-person meetings and trainings can be customized based on the interest of the group and targeted to their responsibilities (i.e., teachers, governance, administration, etc.).

Possible training topics include:

- **Data Use**
 - **Data Availability and Visualizations:** Overview of CDE data sources/reports.
 - **Measures and Metrics of the Performance Framework:** An introductory overview and/or a detailed examination of the performance frameworks.
 - **Growth Model:** Understanding the Colorado Growth Model including its calculation, related reports and implications for improvement efforts including considerations for target setting.
 - **State Assessment Metrics for Improvement Planning:** This would include possible comparison points and considerations for improvement planning.
 - **Non-assessment Data:** How to utilize process and perception data, such as climate and culture indicators for improvement efforts.
 - **Leveraging Local Priorities:** Identify the role of non-assessment measures and strategic priorities, how they can be most effectively included in school improvement efforts and where to include them in the UIP such as whole-child, health and wellness, or data driven practices.

- **Educational Accountability**
 - **Accountability 101:** This training provides an overview of the state and federal accountability system including its major components, and key changes between years.
 - **School Accreditation and Request to Reconsider Process:** This will cover the process of districts accrediting schools, the timeline, and the request to reconsider process.
 - **Alternative Education Campus Frameworks:** Addressing the basics of the Alternative Education Campus accountability frameworks, including selection of optional measures.

- **Unified Improvement Planning/School Improvement**
 - **UIP 101:** This session serves as an introduction to Colorado’s Unified Improvement Plan (UIP).
 - **Online UIP System Overview:** for schools or districts transitioning to the online UIP system for the first time from the paper template, or for administrators new to writing UIP’s.
 - **Effective Progress Monitoring:** Considerations for developing an action plan that allows for effective short cycle progress monitoring and adjustment of improvement efforts, including developing measures and metrics for gauging success and progress.
 - **Small Systems Resources:** Tools to support UIP development, including simple survey design, cost/benefit ratios, analyzing small n counts, etc.

Flexible Delivery

These are suggested topics, and by no means the only content that can be addressed. If there are additional topics or priorities for your group let us know and we will help to design the session.

Our support can be provided in a variety of formats, including

- In person,
- phone conference,
- webinar,
- office hours, etc.

We can serve as a training facilitator, lead, or support depending on your request.

Please contact us and let us know your specific needs including topic(s), format, and the length of the requested training.

- ***Effective Governance for School Turnaround (New)***
 - **Foundations of Effective Governance:** the goal of this training is to foster an increased understanding of effective governance practices along with board member roles and responsibilities in districts with schools on the state accountability clock.
 - **Governance & Turnaround:** this training will explore the role of school boards in turnaround efforts including action planning. This training is made available thru the EASI application process based on district need.

- ***Other Technical Assistance:***
 - **Office Hours:** Customized one-on-one support for consultation, feedback, or problem-solving.

Information about upcoming trainings is provided in the Scoop and at: http://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/uip_training

Please e-mail accountability@cde.state.co.us with requests for support and/or questions related to our technical assistance and training opportunities.