

Hello Accountability Contacts

Hoping that you all survived all of your mid-week Halloween events! Just a few updates from our corner of the world about finalization of the 2023 plan types, 2024 accountability targets, the 1241 Task Force and the 2024 TLCC Survey. Thanks to all for submitting UIPs! Plans are publicly posted on schoolview.org and the team is currently reviewing select plans (e.g., on accountability clock, CS identified under ESSA). Thanks for all that you are doing, Lisa and the Accountability & Continuous Improvement Team

Process for Finalizing 2023 Performance Frameworks and Accreditation

School Accreditation. Thank you for submitting the Accreditation Form this past September. For all districts and schools not participating in a request to reconsider, the ratings that were submitted through this process will be finalized during the November State Board of Education meeting (Nov. 8-9).

Request to Reconsider. For those districts that submitted a request to reconsider, CDE is reviewing those submissions now. We hope to let you know the department's recommendations prior to sharing them with the state board in early December. The state board is scheduled to vote to finalize performance frameworks at their December meeting (Dec. 13-14). If you took the UIP extension because of your participation in request to reconsider and you need any help with your January submission, please reach out to the School Improvement and Planning [team](#).

District Accreditation Contracts. After all ratings for the district have been finalized starting in November, the district will receive a link to the district accreditation contract via DocuSign for signatures by the superintendent and the local board president. Districts accredited with Improvement, Priority Improvement, Turnaround or Insufficient State Data must sign annually. Once completed, the final 2023 district accreditation contract will be posted on the [CDE website](#). Districts that are Accredited or Accredited with Distinction will have their contracts automatically rolled over for up to four years, unless requesting to update their contract. Districts with new superintendent or new board presidents are encouraged to consider signing their contracts this year.

2024 Accountability Targets

While we have already been talking with many of you and collecting feedback, the State Board of Education is preparing to consider the 2024 accountability targets. This is an annual process that occurs in the fall to give districts a sense of where to aim before the next year's frameworks. Of note, the state board is voting on adding legislatively required new measures into to the frameworks for informational purposes in 2023 (reports are scheduled to be released in January 2024), and then for points in 2024 (e.g., Science Achievement, [On Track Growth](#), new [PWR higher bar measures](#)). The state board is scheduled to vote on 2024 targets at the November meeting. You can see more information about the potential new measures [here](#). You can also see CDE's informational presentations to the state board (Sept 14: [Materials](#) and [presentation](#) about 1 minute in; Oct 11: [Materials](#) and [presentation](#) - around 2:26:00).

Task Forces Making Recommendations on Colorado's Accountability System

If you are interested in the future of accountability policy discussions, you may be interested in following the [1241 Task Force](#) - Accountability, Accreditation, Student Performance and Resource Inequities Task Force. Passed during the 2023 legislative session, [H.B. 23-1241](#) created a representative task force of 26-members to study academic opportunities, inequities, promising practices in schools, and improvements to the accountability and accreditation system. Task force

members were appointed by the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the president and minority leader of the senate, the governor and the department. The task force is having their fourth meeting today and has focused thus far on setting their operating procedures and getting grounded in the state's current accountability system. They have an interim report due in March 2024 and a final report due in November 2024. Meetings are open to the public (in person and hybrid); recordings, notes and materials are available on the website as well.

Another task force, the [1215 Task Force](#) - Secondary, Postsecondary and Work-Based Learning Integration Task Force is just finishing up their recommendations to the state, including recommendations about the Postsecondary & Workforce Readiness performance indicator in the performance frameworks. Their interim report is available on the website. Their final report is scheduled to be finalized in December 2023.

Teaching and Learning Conditions in Colorado (TLCC) Survey - Headcount Update Request

The TLCC survey is a statewide perception survey of school-based staff (i.e., educators, leaders, special service providers, education support professionals) that will be launch statewide on January 24, 2024. In preparation for the 2024 administration, our office will be reaching out to accountability contacts and HR respondents the week of 11/6 to review and update building level headcount data. Initial counts are based off of the 2022-23 Human Resources and Special Education December Count data collection, and include staff codes identified by legislation.