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Hello Accountability Contacts: Sincere apologies for sending out a communication on a Friday afternoon - its been one of the long/quick weeks. You'll find some reminders about timelines for finalizing 2024 performance frameworks, Request to Reconsider, UIP submissions, and District Accreditation Contracts. We've also included some updates on the 2025 performance framework targets and the 1241 Task Force. Enjoy your weekend! -- Lisa and the Accountability & Continuous Improvement Team

Process for Finalizing 2024 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. 13). For sites participating in request to reconsider, CDE will provide recommendations to the state board at the December state board meeting when they finalize the remainder of plan types.

Action Possible (by October 15): Request to Reconsider. For those districts that submit a request to reconsider, CDE will begin reviewing submissions on October 16. We plan to let districts 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. 11-12). As a reminder, schools and districts participating in the request process are eligible to submit their UIPs for public posting (and review, if the school remains on state or federal identification) January 15, 2025.

2025 Framework Targets

Action Needed (by October 15): UIP Submission Deadline and Review Process. The submission deadline for UIPs is Tuesday October 15, 2024, unless the site is eligible to exercise biennial flexibility. You can check your eligibility for flexibility in your UIP pre-populated report or through the [biennial flexibility spreadsheet](#). The School Improvement and Planning team is still available for additional support. If you have any questions, please contact uiphelp@cde.state.co.us.

Action Possible (upon your request): UIP Consultation Reviews. For plans that will be reviewed by CDE, (e.g., Turnaround, Priority Improvement, On Watch, ESSA CS identification without an approved plan) are offering a consultation review. This is intended to be a collaborative process with CDE to assist with creating a meaningful improvement plan and to more effectively meet program requirements. Documentation on next steps will be shared and the typical CDE document

review would no longer be needed. More information about this process is described [here](#). You may also reach out to your [UIP contact](#).

Action Needed (by End of December): District Accreditation Contracts. After ratings for districts have been finalized (November and December), CDE will send the superintendent a link to the district accreditation contract via DocuSign if required or upon request.

- *Districts Accredited with Improvement, Priority Improvement, Turnaround or Insufficient State Data* must sign annually.
- *Districts that are Accredited or Accredited with Distinction* may have their contracts automatically rolled over for up to four years, unless requesting to update their contract. Districts with a new superintendent or new board president are encouraged to sign their contracts this year. Contact us at accountability@cde.state.co.us to request an updated contract sent to your district.

Once the superintendent and local board president have signed the contract, then the Commissioner of Education and the State Board Presidents will sign it. The final 2024 district accreditation contract will be posted [here](#) on the CDE website.

2025 Performance Framework Targets. The State Board of Education is preparing to set the 2025 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 considering whether to review and re-norm the 3-year PWR PSAT/SAT targets with two years of digital assessment results in 2025 and the Exceeds target for PSAT achievement target for Reading & Writing. The state board is scheduled to vote on 2025 targets at the November meeting. You can see a recording and access materials from the presentation on proposed framework targets at the October 10, 2024 state board meeting [here](#).

1241 Task Force. The 26-member task force was tasked with examining Colorado's accountability, accreditation, student performance and resource inequities. They are in the process of wrapping up their recommendations. Their report is due by November 15, 2024. You can view meeting information and access materials [here](#).