

# State Accountability & Rulemaking Update



**COLORADO**  
Department of Education

The State Board of Education will be considering different components of Colorado’s accountability frameworks over the next several months. Districts will have many opportunities to provide input into the three areas the board is considering.

## SETTING ANNUAL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK TARGETS

State law requires the board to set achievement, growth and postsecondary workforce readiness targets used to determine school and district ratings by November of each year. Last year (November 2018) the board did not make any changes but indicated an interest in raising the targets in the future.

- Designed within the parameters set by state statute, the targets should provide meaningful differentiation between performance of schools and districts so support can be given to the lowest performing schools and districts. The board is considering a number of different options for achievement targets, and may also consider postponing adjustments to the targets to future years.
- The state board has expressed interest in the alignment of how students are performing in Colorado and how we describe the performance of schools.

## CONSIDERING WEIGHTINGS FOR PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The board will consider weightings given to the Performance Indicators -- Achievement, Growth and Postsecondary Workforce Readiness – in early 2019 as part of rulemaking required to implement House Bill 18-1355- due to the reintroduction of the “growth to standard” measure. Current board rules specify that the Growth and PWR indicators must be weighed more than Achievement.

CDE staff will attend established stakeholder group meetings, including regional superintendent and district administrator groups to gather feedback to share with State Board members. Draft rules, a stakeholder survey, and additional supporting resources can be found here:

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/rulemaking>

The rules are scheduled to be noticed in March with hearings at the May and June state board meetings

## ADDING GROWTH-TO-STANDARD MEASURE TO PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORKS

State law requires a growth-to-standard measure on school and district performance frameworks. This measures student progress toward meeting grade-level expectations as determined by the performance levels on the state assessments. For

### November 2018

- The State Board of Education will approved annual performance targets for the 2019 frameworks at their November meeting. The targets remained the same as in previous years.
- Draft rules on House Bill 18-1355, including weightings of performance indicators and the growth-to-standard measure, were distributed and posted along with a stakeholder survey to provide input.

### Winter 2018/2019

- In-person information sessions were held and can still be requested by contacting CDE staff.

### Spring/Summer 2019

- Rulemaking for House Bill 18-1355 is scheduled to occur in May and June 2019.
- Public comment will be heard during rulemaking sessions.

To provide input to State Board members on any of these considerations:

State Board of Education:  
[state.board@cde.state.co.us](mailto:state.board@cde.state.co.us)

Or

CDE staff:

[Accountability@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Accountability@cde.state.co.us)



students who already meet grade-level expectations of the standards, the growth-to-standard measures progress toward higher levels of achievement.

HB18-1355 provided for greater flexibility in setting the growth expectations than was previously included in state law. CDE staff has been working closely with the Technical Advisory Panel on Longitudinal growth (TAP) – a group of Colorado district leaders – to develop this measure, with the primary focus being to develop a measure that is useful at both the student and systems-level and attainable based on the historical performance of students across the state. All TAP meetings are public, and agendas and recordings are online at [cde.state.co.us/accountability/tap](http://cde.state.co.us/accountability/tap). The state board will consider the recommendations of the TAP in defining the growth-to-standard criteria in the board rules during the rulemaking process for House Bill 18-1355, scheduled to take place in early 2019. It is expected that the growth-to-standard measure will be included in the 2020 school and district accountability cycle.

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS DURING HB 18-1355 RULEMAKING**

In addition to considering changes to Performance Indicators and adding a growth-to-standard measure, the rules for HB 18-1355 will include information on performance watch and request to reconsider.

2018 -2019	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Performance Framework <b>Target Setting</b>		*		*	*	*	*	*	*
Performance Indicator <b>Weighting</b> (Growth, Achievement, PWR)				*	*	*	*	*	*
Addition of <b>Growth to Standard</b> Metric				*	*	*	*	*	*
Stakeholder Feedback Sessions	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		

2019 Target Setting

HB18-1355 SBE Rulemaking Hearings

Earliest Date of Implementation:  
**2020** School & District Performance Frameworks

Additional time will be allowed as needed to fully engage in rulemaking conversation.

**Where can I learn more?**

- House Bill 18-1355 Rulemaking Resources: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/rulemaking>.
- Information about Frameworks: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/performanceframeworks>
- Fact Sheet on House Bill 18-1355: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/hb18-1355-fact-sheet>