

September 10, 2025

Dear Superintendents and BOCES directors,

First and foremost, while the news is limited at this time, the Jeffco Public Schools community has experienced an unimaginable tragedy today. I know that all of us are thinking about our colleagues at Jeffco and of the students, families, and team members at Evergreen High School.

Today I am sharing the following updates:

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Slides from September CDE Superintendent Call

Thank you to those who were able to join us for our September monthly call - [you can click here to access the slides](#) from the call. As a reminder, our calls are on the second Tuesday of the month at 8am. If you do not have the recurring invitation, please contact Emma Garrett-Nelson at garrett-nelson_e@cde.state.co.us.

Guidance on ED rescission of Jan. 2015 Dear Colleague letter

In August 2025, the US Department of Education (ED) rescinded its January 2015 Dear Colleague Letter ("[English Learner Students and Limited English Proficient Parents](#)"). This rescission does not change our legal obligations in serving multilingual learners; [you can visit our website for more information about those requirements](#).

Reminder about comprehensive health education program requirements

As a reminder, there are requirements for having a comprehensive health education program, [inclusive of the comprehensive sexuality education act, C.R.S. 22-1-128](#). Please note that C.R.S. 22-1-128 does not mandate sex education; it specifies content requirements for any school district, charter school, institute charter school or boards of cooperative education services (BOCES) that chooses to offer a comprehensive sexual education curriculum.

The statute also mandates prior written notice to parents with a detailed outline of the topics and materials to be presented and processes for opting out of the sexual health unit or any part of the unit. It should encourage parental involvement, family communication and positive youth development.

State law gives the State Board of Education authority to consider waiver requests from the sex education statute's requirements from charter schools or institute charter schools, but not from school districts. The state board is required to vote as a body to either grant or deny charter school requests, after the request is submitted as part of a contract revision to the state by the charter school's authorizer.

Warm Regards,

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