Dear currently designated Early Colleges,

The attached application for the review of early college designation is required by the State Board of Education (1CCR 301-105) in compliance with Senate Bill 18-225 which was signed into law on June 6, 2018.

**C.R.S. 22-35-103(10)(a)** states: "Early college" means a secondary school that provides only a curriculum that requires each student to enroll in and complete secondary and postsecondary courses while enrolled in the four years of high school such that, **upon successful completion of the curriculum, the student will have completed the requirements of a high school diploma and an associate's degree or other postsecondary credential or at least sixty credits toward the completion of a postsecondary credential**. **The curriculum must be designed to be completed within four years.**

C.R.S.22-54-103(10)(g) states: For the 2018-19 and 2019-20 budget years, a district may include in its pupil enrollment pupils who are enrolled in a school that was designated pursuant to section 22-35-103 (10) as an early college before June 6, 2018, and who, after completing four years of high school, **enroll for the 2018-19 or 2019-20 budget years in postsecondary courses**.

1CCR 301-1052.03 states that: “In making Early College determinations, the State Board shall consider whether the secondary school offers only a curriculum compliant with section 22-35-103(10)(a), C.R.S. The rate at which students successfully complete the Early College curriculum within four years shall be relevant evidence for purposes of the State Board’s determination for renewal applications.”

Please complete and submit the Application for the Review of Early College Designation to Mary Anne Hunter at CDE to be forwarded to the Colorado State Board of Education by no later than **September 15, 2019**.

Thank you.

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