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No Child Left Behind Report Card Annual Reporting Requirements

After conducting a desk review of all districts' Annual Reports to the Public, during the 2005-2006 school year, it became apparent that districts needed additional guidance and support in the development of their Annual Report. Along with the combined accreditation and NCLB reporting requirements that are posted on our web site, a template report has been created that contains all the minimum requirements for NCLB and accreditation. Clearly, the report can contain much more than the minimum requirements; however, if districts fill in the tables with their data, they will be in compliance. These resources are available at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/nclb/reportcard.asp>.

A majority of the data required for the Annual Reports are available on the CDE website. The AYP and Highly Qualified teacher data are included in the NCLB school and district profiles. The 2005-2006 profiles should be posted by November 6th at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/Reports/index.asp>.

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Sunnyside and Shanner Elementary Schools Win Top Title I Award

CDE is honored to recognize the two National Title I Distinguished Schools for the 2005-2006 school year. Each school will receive a \$10,000 award.

Sunnyside Elementary School in Durango has been awarded the National Title I Distinguished School status for highest achieving school. The school has already reached the 2013-2014 AYP goal of 100% proficiency in reading and math. Additionally, 87.27% of all students were proficient or advanced in reading and 78.18% were proficient or advanced in math. The school has a 39.66% poverty rate.

Shanner Elementary School in Holly, with a poverty rate of 71.62%, has been identified as the top school in closing the achievement gap between students eligible for free or reduced lunch and those that are not eligible. The table below shows the achievement and improvement of all of Shanner Elementary students.

CSAP Results for Shanner Elementary

	Percent Partially Proficient, Proficient or Advanced in 2004-2005	Percent Partially Proficient, Proficient or Advanced in 2005-2006
Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	73.39%	88.19%
Students Ineligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	94.19%	100.00%

Future editions of *The Buzz* will highlight each school and provide detailed information on the school's success. Regional Title I Distinguished Schools will be announced and highlighted in the coming months.

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CHANGES TO PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT IDENTIFICATION

The U.S. Department of Education granted CDE permission to change how districts are placed on, or move forward in the improvement cycle. In the past, districts were placed on improvement if any AYP target in a content area was missed for two consecutive years. However, now a district is only placed on improvement if it misses AYP in the same content area and same level (elementary, middle or high) for two consecutive years (for example, middle school math in 2005 and 2006). To move forward on improvement, the district must miss the same content area and level for a subsequent year. In calculating the improvement status for 2006, the Consolidated Federal Programs unit returned to 2003 data and re-calculated district AYP using the new criteria. As a result, some districts are not as far along in the improvement cycle. The chart below identifies the number of districts at the different levels of improvement.

Improvement Status	Number of Districts
Not on Improvement	120
Program Improvement- Year 1	12
Program Improvement- Year 2	13
Corrective Action- Excellent	0
Corrective Action- High	6
Corrective Action- Good	17
Corrective Action- Fair	11
Corrective Action- Low	4

A letter was sent to districts with the official notification of their improvement status and the next steps that must be taken. District results will also be posted on CDE's website at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/ayp/Results.asp>. For Program Improvement questions, contact Brad Bylsma at bylsma_b@cde.state.co.us, (303) 866-6937.

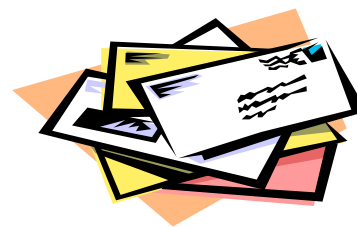
The Consolidated Federal Programs unit will be conducting a desk review of the Annual Reports this year. The reports will be collected from districts in February. For further questions about the NCLB requirements, or if we can provide feedback on the district's draft report please contact Alyssa Pearson at pearson_a@cde.state.co.us. For questions about accreditation requirements, please contact the district's Regional Manager.

We've Moved!

The Education Technology Unit at CDE has been reorganized. The Title IID formula funds, ET-IL, and E-rate are being managed by DeLilah Collins in the Consolidated Federal Programs unit. The Title IID competitive funds will be managed by Jo O'Brien in the Office of Learning and Results.

For additional information regarding this reorganization contact

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 Denver, CO 80202
 (303) 866-6850
collins_d@cde.state.co.us



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 23rd – 24th

Thanksgiving Holiday

Colorado Department of Education will be closed.

December 25th – 26th

Christmas Holiday

Colorado Department of Education will be closed.

January 3 – 5, 2007

Foundations in Family Literacy Training

Open to those interested in learning more about family literacy.

Delta, CO

For more information contact Karen Carr at (303) 866-6920, carr_k@cde.state.co.us.

January 27 – 30, 2007

Title I 2007 Conference

Long Beach, California

For more information visit www.titlei.org.

May 7, 2007

3rd Annual Colorado Reading Summit

Further information will be made available on the CDE Calendar of Events at

www.cde.state.co.us/cdeedcon/index.htm.

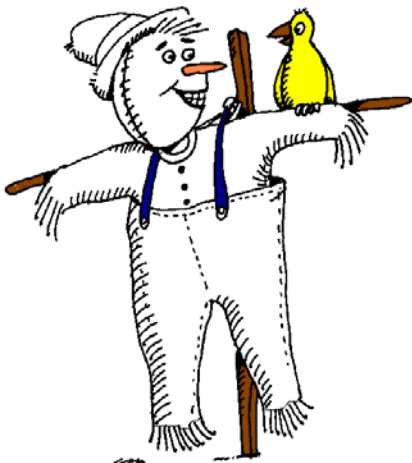
May 13 – 17, 2007

International Reading Association

52nd Annual Convention

Toronto, Ontario

For more information visit www.reading.org.



- Submit any modifications to your district's application and/or budget for final approval. For general questions regarding the Consolidated Application contact Gina Salazar at (303) 866-6842; salazar_g@cde.state.co.us. For specific program questions or questions regarding comments for final approval, contact the program consultant listed in the comment log.
- Submit copies of the district's "Parent's Right to Know" notification by November 30, 2006. Districts that send the same notice to all parents need only submit a single copy of the notification. Evidence of notification may be submitted electronically to Trish Boland boland_t@cde.state.co.us, by fax [(303) 866-6637 or through the mail, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1450, Denver, 80202.
- By January 31, 2007, submit a copy of the district's "4 Week Rule" letter to Trish Boland at the address listed above. For more information visit www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/nclb/monitoring.asp.



Title I Distinguished Teacher Award

An opportunity to honor some of Colorado's finest teachers

Applications for the Title I Distinguished Teacher award are due no later than November 13, 2006. For more information and a copy of the application visit

www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/awards/index.asp.

Colorado English Language Assessment *Trainings*

The following CELA trainings are open to DAC's and their designated team. All trainings are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

November 9 th	Durango La Plata County Fairgrounds 2500 Main Ave
November 10 th	Glenwood Springs Community Center, 100 Wulfsohn Rd.
November 13 th	Greeley District 6 Service Center 2508 4 th Ave.
November 14 th	Pueblo Convention Center 320 Central Main St
November 15 th	Aurora Central Public Libraries 14949 E. Alameda Pkwy
November 16 th	Golden Red Rocks Community College Community Room 13300 W. 6 th Ave

CSAPA *Trainings*

Open to DAC's and their designated team. All trainings are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

January 9, 2007	Denver Adams 12 5-Star Schools 1500 E. 128 th Ave
January 10 th	Denver Cherry Creek Holiday Inn 455 S. Colorado Blvd.
January 11 th	Denver Radisson Southeast 3200 S. Parker Rd.
January 17 th	Durango 9R Admin Bldg 201 E. 12 th Street
January 18 th	Grand Junction Basil T. Knight Center 2523 Patterson Rd.
January 24 th & 25 th	Colorado Springs Tesla 2561 International Circle

Colorado Student Assessment Program *Trainings*

The following CSAP Trainings are open to DAC's and their designated team. Trainings are from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. except in Grand Junction, Pueblo and La Junta.

January 8, 2007	Castle Rock Douglas Co. Admin. Bldg. 620 Wilcox St. 3 rd Floor Boardroom
January 12 th	Lakewood Warren Tech Center 13300 W. 2 nd Pl. Founders Room
January 16 th	Eagle County Eagle County SD 757 E. 3 rd St., Boardroom
January 16 th	Grand Junction 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Basil T. Knight Center 2523 Patterson Rd.
January 19 th	Durango Durango 9-R School District 201 E. 12 th St.
January 22 nd	Pueblo 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Pueblo 60 Admin Bldg 315 W. 11th St. Arapahoe Room
January 23 rd	La Junta 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Otero Junior College 1802 Colorado Ave.
January 26 th	Colorado Springs Tesla EOC 2561 International Circle
January 30 th	Akron Akron High School Library 600 Elm St.
January 31 st	Fort Collins Fossil Ridge High School 5400 Siegler Drive

For more information about any of the trainings listed on this page contact Emma Norwood at (303) 866-6929, norwood_e@cde.state.co.us.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHER PLANS

Many of you are in the process of, or already have, submitted plans for teachers in your district that are not yet Highly Qualified. **All plans are due into the online system by November 30th.** Districts that need a username and password need to complete a respondent form (e-mail Tina Tamayo at tamayo_t@cde.state.co.us for a copy) and fax it to Tina at (303) 866-6637. CDE will then contact the identified HQT contact with the online system password. Districts will not be able to access the online system without this username and password.

Sometimes the plans consist of explaining the steps the district will be taking to assist the teacher in becoming Highly Qualified. Other times, the plans are simply providing additional information (e.g., the teacher took an approved elementary content test in another state). Please note, if additional information is provided about a teacher's credentials, this same information will also need to be reflected in CDE's Human Resources data collection and documentation kept at the district. The only information CDE will be updating is if an elementary teacher qualifies for Housse. Otherwise, your district is responsible for communicating the information in the HR collection. If the most current information is not reflected in the HR data collected this winter, the district will receive notice from CDE next year that the teacher is not highly qualified.

Final Message from Bush White Title IIA, Senior Consultant

As of October 31st, I am retiring and taking a position as the Director of Licensing Programs in Education at Colorado Christian University.

Lisa Medler will be coordinating the collection of 2006-2007 Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) plans through the online system. The last two months have been spent orienting her to the HQT process. Given her background in data collection she will be able to quickly respond to districts. The CFP unit will be hiring a replacement but in the meantime, questions can be directed to Lisa at medler_l@cde.state.co.us or (303) 866-6993.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you on this project. The districts in Colorado are to be commended for their efforts to ensure that all teachers meet the highly qualified teacher provision of NCLB.

Colorado State Board of Education Online Access

The Colorado State Board of Education is broadcasting meetings, work sessions and hearings online. You can listen live from the [eBoard Homepage](#), or from the [Work Session](#) and [Regular Meeting](#) agendas. The next Board work session begins at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8th with the meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 9th.

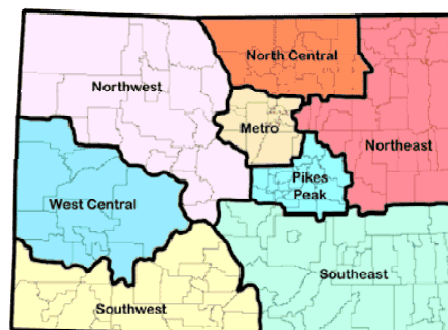
At this time, the broadcasts will only be available live during the board meeting. For copies of the recordings at a reasonable fee contact Vivienne Belmont at (303) 866-6817, belmont_v@cde.state.co.us.

If the links above do not work, cut and paste the following links into the address bar:

eBoard: <http://www.gsbaeboard.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects/CDEAgenda.woa/wa/homePage>

Work Session:
<http://www.gsbaeboard.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects/CDEAgenda.woa/wa/showMeetingRegular>

<http://www.gsbaeboard.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects/CDEAgenda.woa/wa/displayMeeting?meetingID=62>



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Concerns!!

Questions??

Comments

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Contact Laura Hensinger at (303) 866-6675 or hensinger_l@cde.state.co.us