



# **UNIFIED IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR DISTRICTS**

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# Webinar Purpose

The purpose of this webinar is to provide an overview of the unified improvement planning process, elicit feedback and answer initial questions.

Detailed support for the content and use of the template will be provided in the regional trainings.

# Unified Planning

The unified improvement plan template for districts:

- Supports the development and implementation of an effective and comprehensive improvement plan to improve teaching and learning.
- Incorporates state and NCLB accountability requirements into a single improvement plan.
- Enables the state to provide more targeted support to districts that need it most.

# Summary of the Planning Process



Which districts need to use the template and attend the training?

- Available to all districts.
- Recommended for districts that need to complete a plan for accreditation and/or NCLB (Titles I, IIA and/or III).
- Feedback from participating districts will also influence required reporting formats for next year.

# Summary of the Planning Process



When will the template be available? How can we access it?

- Offices are preparing emails/letters to send out to identified districts.
- EDAC is reviewing the template.
- With approval, the template will be posted on the CDE website and made available at the December/January trainings.

# Summary of the Planning Process



What are the main components of the planning template?

## Section I: Information on District/Consortium

- Displays summary data for district.
- Some areas will be pre-populated.
- Provides customized directions if identified by a program.

# Summary of the Planning Process



What are the main components of the planning template? (continued)

## Section II: Data Analysis and Root Cause Identification

- Provide a narrative that identifies trends in data, prioritizes needs and pinpoints root causes.
- Also consider future targets and set interim measures to monitor progress.

# Summary of the Planning Process



What are the main components of the planning template? (continued)

## Section III: Action Plans

- Based on root causes, identify the major improvement strategies.
- For each major improvement strategy, provide detail on the action steps. This includes timelines, resources, and implementation benchmarks.



# Summary of the Planning Process



When are the plans due? How do we submit them? How are the plans going to be reviewed?

- Improvement plans for identified districts are due January 15, 2010. Extensions can be given.
- Plans should be uploaded to the new Colorado Tracker system.
- Plans will be reviewed through a joint CDE and peer review process.
- Rubrics have been developed for NCLB programs (available on website).

# State Accountability: Accreditation

- The unified improvement plan will be used to meet accreditation plan requirements starting in the 2010-2011 school year.
- The unified plan **may** be used to meet improvement plan requirements for districts placed on Accredited, Notice with Support for 2009-2010. Districts will submit an improvement plan within 90 days of receiving official notice. Districts who opt to not use the unified plan this current year may use the current plan posted on the accreditation webpage.
- The district improvement plans for accreditation that have already been collected for this current year – no further collections needed until 2010-2011 school year.

# **NCLB: Title I Program Improvement/Corrective Action**

- Districts have already been notified if they are on Title I program improvement or corrective action.
- Forthcoming email will provide details on next steps (e.g., Districts on Corrective Action – Year 2 or 3 only need to update their plans from last year).
- NCLB requirements have been built into the template and will be evaluated using the existing rubric.

## NCLB 2141(c) Identification under Title II-A

- Districts that have not yet been formally notified can check the list available at:  
[www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/NCLB/tiaa.asp](http://www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/NCLB/tiaa.asp)
- Identified if the district did not meet district AYP and HQ targets for three consecutive years.
- NCLB requires a financial agreement.
- NCLB requirements have been built into the template and will be evaluated using the existing rubric.

# NCLB Program Improvement for Title III

- Grantees have not yet been formally notified. List is available on website:  
[www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/NCLB/tiii.asp](http://www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/NCLB/tiii.asp)
- Grantees are identified for improvement if AMAOs have not been made for two consecutive years.
- Forthcoming email will provide details on next steps.
- NCLB requirements have been built into the template and will be evaluated using the existing rubric.

# Resources and Supports

## **Regional Trainings -December and early January**

CDE will be providing regional professional development on the unified district improvement plan template and planning process to district leadership teams throughout December and early January. The registration form is attached below for download and will be included in the *State and NCLB Accountability Notification* letters.

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

A list of FAQs is attached below and posted on the CDE website to address the common questions related to the unified district improvement plan template and planning process. This list will periodically be updated as areas of clarification become evident.

## Q and A

Please type questions into the “chat” space below to be addressed.

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