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Dear Jeffco Public Schools Community,

Each year, school districts in Colorado report school performance to the community, as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The Colorado Department of Education recently released ratings for schools and districts. The ratings are included in detailed performance framework reports, [available here](#), that provide data on individual schools and the district.

These frameworks help families and communities understand specific, detailed information about the performance of schools and the district with data that can be compared to other schools and districts around the state. This includes:

- Performance on statewide assessments in English language arts, math, and science.
- Growth from year to year on English language arts and math assessments, as well as growth by English language learners on the ACCESS tests.
- Secondary schools' graduation rates, dropout rates, matriculation rates, and college entrance exam scores.

All of this is combined into an overall accountability score report every year for the schools and district.

It is important to note that the system is set up to provide parents, teachers, and the community comparable information about the performance of their school, their district, and the state's public education system. The ratings, however, don't tell the whole story about a school or district and the hard work that goes on every day with teachers, staff, and students in every classroom. The scores can be seen as a one-time measurement that allow us to reflect on past accomplishments what we need to do to continue to improve our schools.

Thank you for your ongoing trust in the work that we do educate the children of Jeffco.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent and Chief Learner

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/schoolview/performance>