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### Colorado Department of Higher Education Unveils New Database Tool to Aid Alignment Efforts with K-12

DENVER, CO – Today, the Colorado Department of Higher Education published its new database tool, *'District at a Glance'* to aid in Colorado's continued alignment of K-12 and higher education. The database tool was presented last week during the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Colorado Association of School Executive (CASE) Education Leadership Convention in Breckenridge, Colorado prior to today's official launch.

The *'District at a Glance'* provides detailed district specific information on college enrollments and first year postsecondary outcomes for Colorado's graduating class of 2009. It is intended to provide critical information to help improve postsecondary remediation levels, graduation rates, postsecondary readiness and other deficiencies in the educational pipeline which inhibit college success.

The *'District at a Glance'* is available through the Department's Interactive Institutional Information Colorado Higher Education Data Warehouse, known as *'i3'*. Over time the Department will be able to continue tracking this high school graduating cohort for college completion rates and will be able to incorporate future year high school graduating cohorts into the state's data system to determine postsecondary outcomes.

This tool was made possible through continued use of a grant through the Lumina Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation focused on alignment of K-12 and higher education in Colorado. This database expands on an annual enrollment report that the Department prepares for the state legislature and provides a new level of detail previously unavailable.

A link to the new *'District at a Glance'* searchable database can be found on the K-12 Progress & Outcomes home page by going to:

<http://highered.colorado.gov/i3/K12.aspx>

Additionally, specific data related questions from this resource can be referred to the Department of Higher Education's K-12 Data Alignment Specialist, Nakia Collins ([Nakia.Collins@dhe.state.co.us](mailto:Nakia.Collins@dhe.state.co.us)).

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