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Dear Superintendents,

The Department of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Department of Education, is pleased to release the second edition of District at a Glance. This project collects and reports information on the progress of students as they move through our public schools and into our colleges and universities in an easy-to-read 2-page report and companion searchable database.

The profile included here follows your district's graduating class of 2012 and provides information on college enrollment, first-year college outcomes, concurrent enrollment, remedial education and credential attainment. Please share copies with your colleagues.

District at a Glance is a project that stems from the ongoing implementation of the Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids and is aligned with several statewide efforts to improve postsecondary and workforce readiness. It is our hope that these data help you in your efforts to ensure that all students are prepared to attain the postsecondary credentials they need to achieve their dreams and fill Colorado's jobs of the future. Our state's economy depends on it.

The 2012 workforce outcomes from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment state that high school dropouts are much more likely to be unemployed than high school graduates or degree holders. By 2020, 74 percent of Colorado's jobs will require education beyond high school, according to the Georgetown Center for Education and the Workforce. It is therefore essential to ensure every student is prepared for their future after high school, with the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to meet these postsecondary demands.

In addition to this mailing, we've made the 2012 District at a Glance profiles available on the Department of Higher Education's website as PDF documents for easy printing. We also have calculated similar data for the Classes of 2009, 2010 and 2011. Find all this information at: <http://highered.colorado.gov/data/districtsummary.aspx>.

Please do not hesitate to direct any questions or comments regarding District at a Glance to our P-20 research and policy analyst, Brenda Bautsch, who can be reached at 303-866-2030 or via email at brenda.bautsch@dhe.state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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