



Attachment A

Legal Guidelines for the BVSD Accountability Committee (DAC)

The Colorado School Laws and BVSD play a role in defining the DAC's responsibilities. To date there are seven areas in which the DAC has clearly defined roles: Accountability Guidelines, School Goals/District Planning, Budget, Safe School Plan, Educational Programs, Charter Schools, and Waivers.

1. ACCOUNTABILITY GUIDELINES

The Board of Education (Board), in cooperation with the DAC, shall establish an accountability program that will measure the adequacy and efficiency of educational programs offered by the District. The areas of study by the DAC will be determined cooperatively at least annually by the DAC and the Board. [C.R.S. § 22-7-104(1)].

2. SCHOOL GOALS/DISTRICT PLANNING

At a time as allowed by statute and/or CDE or each year, the DAC shall review each school's goals and objectives and plan to improve educational achievement, maximize graduation rates, and increase the ratings for the school's accreditation category. [C.R.S. § 22-7-205(1)].

After consultation with the DAC and review of its recommendations, the Board shall compile school building goals and objectives and plans and report the District's goals/objectives and the District's plan to improve educational achievement, maximize graduation rates, and increase the ratings for each school's accreditation category at a time as allowed by statute and/or CDE of each year. [C.R.S. § 22-7-205(2)].

3. BUDGET

In addition to any other duties and powers provided for by law, the DAC, after consulting with school advisory committees, shall make recommendations to the Board relative to the prioritization of expenditures of District moneys. The Board shall consider the DAC's recommendations in adopting the budget of the District for

any fiscal year pursuant to Title 22, Article 44. [C.R.S. § 22-7-105].

4. SAFE SCHOOL PLAN

The DAC and the school advisory councils will provide consultation to the Board on adoption, revision, and implementation of a safe school plan. [C.R.S. § 22-32-109.1(2)].

5. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

In adopting content standards, the District shall seek input from and shall work in cooperation with educators, parents, students, business persons, members of the general community who are representative of the cultural diversity of the District, and the DAC. [C.R.S. § 22-7-407(1)].

Following adoption of the content standards, the District shall review and revise such content standards as necessary to maintain maximum effectiveness. In revising such content standards, the District shall seek recommendations from and shall work in cooperation with educators, parents, students, business persons, members of the general community who are representative of the cultural diversity of the District, and the DAC. [C.R.S. § 22-7-407(4)].

Following adoption of content standards, the District shall, through written materials and public meetings, inform parents of students enrolled in the District of the application and effect of such content standards and standards-based education, including how students' progress in achieving content standards will be measured and how parents will be informed of such progress. Such information shall also be provided to the DAC and the building advisory accountability committees within the District. [C.R.S. § 22-7-407(5)].

6. CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Charter school applications shall be reviewed by the DAC prior to consideration by the Board. [C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(1)].

7. WAIVERS

Except as prohibited by applicable law, upon application of the Board, the state board may waive any requirements imposed by Title 22, C.R.S., or by rule promulgated by the state board. Any waiver application submitted by the District shall demonstrate that such application has the consent of a majority of the appropriate accountability committee, a majority of the affected licensed administrators, and a majority of the teachers of the affected school or of the District. [C.R.S. § 22-2-117(1)(a), (d)].

Prior to submitting an application for a waiver, the Board, in a public meeting including a public hearing, shall adopt a resolution stating the Board's intent to apply for a waiver and specifying the statutes and rules for which the Board will

request waivers. At least 60 days prior to such public meeting and hearing, the Board shall meet with the DAC to consult with the DAC concerning the intent to seek the waiver. [C.R.S. § 22-2-117(2)].

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