PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT & GREAT SCHOOLS IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD

DAC Conversation
THE DENVER PLAN 2020

GOAL #1
Great Schools in Every Neighborhood

GOAL #2
A Foundation for Success in School

GOAL #3
Ready for College and Career

GOAL #4
Support for the Whole Child

GOAL #5
Close the Opportunity Gap

Building a System of Great Schools
Set ambitious goals.
Building a System of Great Schools
Move from monopoly to choice, with an emphasis on equity.
Building a System of Great Schools
Establish collaborative partnerships.

DPS signed a groundbreaking district-charter compact in 2010 to guarantee equity for all public schools in three critical areas:

- Responsibility and Access
- Funding
- Accountability
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The State of the Portfolio

2016-17 October Count By Ed Level

- Elementary School:
  - Charter: 23%
  - Innovation: 13%
  - District-Run: 64%

- Middle School:
  - Charter: 37%
  - Innovation: 25%
  - District-Run: 38%

- High School:
  - Charter: 22%
  - Innovation: 22%
  - District-Run: 57%
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The State of the Portfolio

2015-16 SPF Results

- **Charter (16,713 Students)**
  - Red: 16%
  - Orange: 24%
  - Yellow: 3%
  - Green: 48%
  - Blue: 10%

- **Innovation (18,063 Students)**
  - Red: 2%
  - Orange: 9%
  - Yellow: 8%
  - Green: 36%
  - Blue: 46%

- **District-Run (55,343 Students)**
  - Red: 3%
  - Orange: 8%
  - Yellow: 14%
  - Green: 46%
  - Blue: 29%
Turn and Talk:
• What surprises you?
• What other wonderings do you have?
GOAL #1 Great Schools in Every Neighborhood

Building a System of Great Schools
The Portfolio Approach
DPS’ top Denver Plan 2020 goal is to ensure Great Schools in Every Neighborhood.
We provide all schools with a strong foundation of support to help them thrive.
We check progress to see how well each school is helping students succeed.
School Performance Framework (SPF):

- Serves as a report card for schools.
- Uses data from state tests, attendance, parent satisfaction surveys, and other key areas.
- Provides essential feedback for school leaders on strengths and areas for improvement.

Distinguished (80-100%)
Meets Expectations (51-79%)
Accredited on Watch (40-50%)
Accredited on Priority Watch (34-39%)
Accredited on Probation (Up to 33%)
We hold ourselves accountable for how schools are serving students.
Building a System of Great Schools: Hold schools accountable.

Charter and Innovation Renewal

The School Quality Framework

- Teaching
- Culture
- Leadership
- Governance

Indicators of sustainability of outcomes and/or trajectory of outcomes

GOAL #1 Great Schools in Every Neighborhood
Building a System of Great Schools: Hold persistently low-performing schools accountable.

School Performance Compact

**Policy**

- Guides DPS in identifying the most persistently low-performing schools, both district-run and charter.
- Denver Board of Education uses policy to decide if the identified schools must be restarted or in rare cases, closed.
- For restarts, a Community Review Board will evaluate options and recommend provider. Board approves final provider determination.

**Criteria**

1. **Red** on the most recent SPF **AND**
   **red** on the preceding SPF (back-to-back red)
   **OR**
   **Orange** or **red** on the two preceding SPF

2. Earned **49% or fewer possible growth points** on the current year’s SPF
We use the Call for New Quality Schools to start new schools in Denver.
Building a System of Great Schools
Establish a rigorous process for starting new schools.

The Call for New Quality Schools:

1. **Public document**
   Where DPS needs new school programs for restart or expansion

2. **Quality review process**
   How DPS evaluates proposals – includes a high quality standard

3. **Placement process**
   How communities help DPS select the right school for their needs; how approved schools compete for placement in a district facility
We match schools with communities through the Facility Allocation Policy.
Building a System of Great Schools
Understand regions and neighborhoods.

Strategic Regional Analysis

DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Strategic Regional Analysis:
Fall 2016

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Strategic Regional Analysis
We strive for continuous improvement until Every Child Succeeds.
Among all large districts over 25,000 students, DPS had the second-highest growth from 2009-2013.