

COLORADO SUCCEEDS' 2018 POLICY HIGHLIGHTS



Student Benefits:



Equitable funding for all public charter school students.

Secured \$5.5 million to ensure all public charter school students have access to equitable funding, regardless of the school's authorizer.



More work-based learning opportunities for students.

A successful pilot program that incentivizes schools financially to offer industry credentials, work-based learning, and advanced coursework was extended through 2024.



Continued support for struggling schools. Districts and schools that are underperforming will receive turnaround assistance sooner, parental and community engagement opportunities will increase, and resources targeted to improvement will remain over a longer period.



Additional advanced coursework opportunities for rural Colorado. More rural students will have access to Advanced Placement courses thanks to an expanded pilot program.



Removed transportation barriers to school choice. When students select a school of their choice, the receiving school district can now provide families with transportation assistance funding.

BY THE NUMBERS

15 of 15

Bills we supported passed

4 of 4

Bills we opposed were defeated

\$17.5M

Steered towards our shared priorities

\$2M

Expanding advanced coursework and financial incentives for schools providing industry credentials

\$5.5M

For more public charter school students to receive equitable funding

\$10M

Dedicated to address the teacher shortage

3,000

Students earned industry credentials in Y1 of the Succeeds-championed Career Success Program

5

Years the Career Success Program was extended

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Educator Benefits:



Attracting and retaining effective teachers. The legislature directed \$10 million in funding to help address known teacher shortages in certain content areas and regions.



New financial incentive programs for educators. Allocated \$3 million to help districts attract and retain top teaching talent, including financial incentives such as bonuses and salary increases.



Undisturbed educator evaluation practices. Colorado's pioneering educator evaluation and tenure reform law remains intact despite a legislative attempt to weaken it.

Taxpayer Benefits:



Smarter reporting of teacher hiring needs to align supply with demand. Encourages districts to collect and report current and projected hiring needs--including turnover trends--for teachers by geographic and content area.



Uninterrupted school and district accountability measures. Two bills that would have weakened Colorado's assessment system, and undermined school and district accountability, were defeated.