

Internal Monitoring Report

February 19, 2014

POLICY: 1.3 Value
POLICY CATEGORY: Ends
PERIOD MONITORED: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

This is my monitoring report on the Board of Education's Ends policy "Value." This report is presented within the Board's monitoring schedule. I certify the information is true and complete. This report will monitor the policy starting at its more detailed provisions and end with the global provision.

Chris Gdowski, Superintendent

February 14, 2014

POLICY WORDING:

The educational value provided to students who are served by Adams 12 Five Star Schools shall be reasonable compared to the costs of the resources used to provide that education.

- *The value added by educating school-age children and young adults and graduating them shall be reasonable compared to the costs expended annually toward those ends.*

o The Colorado School District Performance Framework scores-to-cost ratio shall improve annually 1) compared to the previous year and 2) compared to similar school districts. This ratio is the combined total of all points earned by the District on the District's performance framework divided by District operating fund expenditures during the same year.

INTERPRETATION:

I interpret the following language:

“The value added by educating school-age children and young adults and graduating them shall be reasonable compared to the costs expended annually toward those ends.

o The Colorado School District Performance Framework scores-to-cost ratio shall improve annually 1) compared to the previous year and 2) compared to similar school districts. This ratio is the combined total of all points earned by the District on the District's performance framework divided by District operating fund expenditures during the same year.”

to mean, for the District's performance to meet the policy standard, that:

- i) When comparing per pupil funding to the one-year District Performance Framework (DPF) points for 2013, the DPF scores-to-cost ratio is lower than in previous years; and
- ii) When comparing 2013 DPF points among the eleven metro Denver area school districts with 10,000 or more students enrolled, the scores-to-cost ratio for Adams 12 is below the average dollars spent per pupil per DPF point.

The DPF scores-to-cost ratio includes total program per pupil funding allocated to the District pursuant to the School Finance Act and obtained from the Colorado Department Education as well as additional operating revenues, referred to as “override per pupil funding” on the appendix, which have been approved by voters in each school district.

DATA REPORTED:

Compared to the Previous Year

Total program and override funding for 2013 for Adams 12 was \$7094 per pupil. On the 2013 DPF, Adams 12 earned 55.0 points. As a result, the 2013 DPF scores-to-cost ratio for Adams 12 was \$128.98 per DPF point. The DPF scores-to-cost ratio for Adams 12 was

\$130.07 per DPF point in 2012, \$125.46 per DPF point in 2011, and \$131.32 per DPF point in 2010. A comparison to 2009 and prior years is not possible as the baseline for this metric was 2010.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

I report compliance, as the cost per DPF point decreased \$1.09 from 2012 to 2013.

Compared to Similar Sized Districts

When calculating the 2013 DPF scores-to-cost ratio results for the eleven metro area school districts with 10,000 or more students enrolled, Adams 12 ranked eighth in the fewest dollars spent per DPF point.

The DPF scores-to-cost ratio for Adams 12 was \$128.98 per DPF point.

The lowest DPF scores-to-cost ratio was Douglas County at \$94.78 per DPF point.

The highest DPF scores-to-cost ratio was Westminster 50 at \$166.30 per DPF point.

The average DPF scores-to-cost ratio was \$123.35 per DPF point.

The Adams 12 DPF scores-to-cost ratio exceeds the average of the eleven metro area districts with 10,000 or more students enrolled.

(See Appendix for chart)

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

I report non-compliance, as the scores-to-cost ratio for Adams 12 is \$5.63 above the average of the 11 metro districts larger than 10,000 students, though the gap narrowed from \$9.21 above the average of the comparison districts in 2012.

However, based on an analysis of the 2013 one-year DPF excluding COVA results, the scores-to-cost ratio for Adams 12 would be \$117.45, which would be \$5.90 less than the average of comparison districts.

It is anticipated that the District's performance will result in compliance once COVA's data are no longer included in the District's DPF. Depending on the accountability procedures approved by CDE regarding removal of COVA's data in the District's DPF, compliance could be met as early as the 2015-16 school year or as late as the 2017-18 school year. This range of time exists primarily due to the effect of COVA's graduation rate and dropout rate data, which under current CDE procedure, does not immediately drop off of the District's DPF.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a monitoring report as of February 19, 2014, for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, of the Superintendent concerning Board Policy 1.3 Value and found the superintendent's interpretations were reasonable and supported by data that was relevant, justified and complete.

Appendix – Internal Monitoring Report 1.3 Value

School District	Number of Students	State Per Pupil Funding	Override Per Pupil Funding	Total Per Pupil Funding	% of Free Lunch Pupils	Funding for At-Risk Pupils	DPF Points Earned	DPF Scores-to-cost Ratio	Rank
Jefferson County	80,817	\$6,301	\$1,402	\$7,703	28.68%	\$20,144,251	67.8	\$113.61	7
Denver County	77,251	\$6,841	\$1,629	\$8,470	68.13%	\$64,450,934	52.9	\$160.11	9
Douglas County	61,199	\$6,207	\$551	\$6,758	9.36%	\$5,307,665	71.3	\$94.78	1
Cherry Creek	50,435	\$6,390	\$1,542	\$7,932	21.28%	\$9,921,078	74.4	\$106.61	4
Adams 12 Five Star	43,375	\$6,278	\$816	\$7,094	33.55%	\$12,732,765	55.0	\$128.98	8
Adams-Arapahoe	37,099	\$6,732	\$1,006	\$7,738	63.18%	\$26,526,446	47.1	\$164.29	10
Boulder Valley	28,538	\$6,362	\$1,933	\$8,295	16.56%	\$4,320,948	78.6	\$105.53	3
St Vrain Valley	27,208	\$6,320	\$1,150	\$7,470	29.68%	\$7,178,910	68.5	\$109.05	6
Brighton	16,048	\$6,208	\$47	\$6,255	30.19%	\$4,202,315	57.7	\$108.41	5
Littleton	14,882	\$6,217	\$1,781	\$7,998	18.67%	\$2,413,719	80.6	\$99.23	2
Westminster 50	12,618	\$6,712	\$622	\$7,334	72.78%	\$11,179,667	44.1	\$166.30	11
Average Scores to Cost Ratio								\$123.35	N/A