

## **Internal Monitoring Report**

May 22, 2013

**POLICY:** 1.3 Value  
**POLICY CATEGORY:** Ends  
**PERIOD MONITORED:** May 24, 2012 – May 22, 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  
May 22, 2013

## **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:

When comparing per pupil funding to the one-year District Performance Framework (DPF) points for 2012, the DPF scores-to-cost ratio is lower than in previous years.

When comparing 2012 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 2012 for Adams 12 was \$7154 per pupil. On the 2012 DPF, Adams 12 earned 55.0 points. As a result, the 2012 DPF scores-to-cost ratio for Adams 12 was \$130.07 per DPF point. The 2011 DPF scores-to-cost ratio for Adams 12 was \$125.46 per DPF point, and the 2010 DPF scores-to-cost ratio for Adams 12 was \$131.32 per DPF point. A comparison to 2009 and prior years is not possible as the baseline for this metric was 2010.

## **COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:**

I report noncompliance, as the cost per DPF point has increased \$4.61 from 2011 to 2012, though the 2012 cost per DPF point is still \$1.25 below the 2010 cost per DPF point.

### Compared to Similar Sized Districts

When calculating the 2012 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 \$130.07 per DPF point.

The lowest DPF scores-to-cost ratio was Douglas County at \$92.01 per DPF point.

The highest DPF scores-to-cost ratio was Westminster 50 at \$159.46 per DPF point.

The average DPF scores-to-cost ratio was \$120.86 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 \$9.21 above the average of the 11 metro districts larger than 10,000 students. It is anticipated that the District's ongoing implementation of the teaching and learning cycle, the roll out of the new state standards at all school levels, and the implementation of a standards-based grading pilot in the 2012, will result in compliance in the 2013 DPF results.

**The Board acknowledged receipt of a monitoring report as of May 22, 2013 for the period, July 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, of the Superintendent, concerning Operating Limitations Policy 2.4 Financial Conditions and Activities, 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 At-Risk Pupils	Funding for At-Risk Pupils	DPF Points Earned	DPF Scores-to-cost Ratio	Rank
Jefferson County	81,022	\$6,310	\$917	\$7,227	28.00%	\$18,826,581	68.7	\$105.20	5
Denver County	75,005	\$6,873	\$1,025	\$7,898	68.94%	\$61,266,472	51.7	\$152.77	9
Douglas County	59,606	\$6,215	\$566	\$6,781	9.51%	\$4,768,060	73.7	\$92.01	1
Cherry Creek	49,788	\$6,406	\$1,060	\$7,466	22.37%	\$9,452,403	71.5	\$104.42	3
Adams 12 Five Star	43,079	\$6,332	\$822	\$7,154	32.56%	\$11,559,603	55.0	\$130.07	8
Adams-Arapahoe	36,552	\$6,715	\$611	\$7,326	61.78%	\$23,793,429	46.1	\$158.92	10
Boulder Valley	28,318	\$6,379	\$1,948	\$8,327	17.28%	\$4,168,469	79.2	\$105.14	4
St Vrain Valley	26,120	\$6,332	\$632	\$6,964	30.33%	\$6,578,345	66.2	\$105.20	5
Brighton	15,459	\$6,223	\$49	\$6,272	31.42%	\$3,913,547	53.4	\$117.45	7
Littleton	14,928	\$6,236	\$1,775	\$8,011	19.58%	\$2,389,653	81.1	\$98.78	2
Westminster 50	12,238	\$6,758	\$641	\$7,399	74.54%	\$10,767,774	46.4	\$159.46	11
<b>Average Scores to Cost Ratio</b>								<b>\$120.86</b>	N/A