

Board Meeting Agenda Item Cover Sheet



Meeting Date: 10/09/2025

Agenda Item: K.1.

1. Purpose/Desired Outcome(s), Objective and Process of this Agenda Item

The purpose/desired outcome(s) of this agenda item is to provide the Board with continued updates regarding the District's Unified Improvement Plan (UIP). The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that UIPs are developed in partnership with stakeholders and part of that process for Summit School District is informing the Board of the direction and focus of the UIP. The role of the Board in the UIP process is outlined further in this Colorado Department of Education Document: [Unified Improvement Plans: The Role of the School Board in Plan Development & Adoption](#).

The objective of this agenda item is to:

- Provide updates to the Board of Education regarding the Improvement Plan
- Adhere to state statute (C.R.S. 22-11-302) which requires that local boards adopt the UIP of the district and any schools on the Accountability Clock.
- Adhere to reporting requirements to the Board of Education

Primary Attachment(s):

[Unified Improvement Plan 2025-26](#)

[Consejos de Familias Input Summary](#)

[DAC Recommendations for Proposed UIP for 2025-26](#)

2. Agenda Item Details

Submitted By: Laura Cotsapas, Chief Transformation Officer	Date Submitted: 10/03/2025
Recommended Action: ☒ Information ☒ Discussion ☐ Preparing for BOE Action	Revised Agenda Item? ☐ Yes ☒ No Previous Agenda Dates/Item#: N/A
Pertaining to Governance Policy: • EL-9 – Communication and Support to the Board	Alternatives: ☐ Approve this agenda item, as written ☐ Incorporate changes from recorded agenda item discussion and documented in the End-of-Meeting debrief ☐ Update all agenda item materials for a near-future BOE meeting ☒ Not Applicable (N/A)

3. Executive Summary

This agenda item provides important updates to the Board regarding the District's Unified Improvement Plan (UIP). Colorado State statute (C.R.S. 22-11-302) requires that local boards adopt the UIP of the district and any schools on the Accountability Clock. Summit School District is not on the Accountability Clock making the focus of UIP presentation to the Board informative rather than an adoption.

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4. Background

All Colorado schools and districts are required to create a Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) on an annual or bi-annual basis for submission to the Colorado Department of Education. Summit School District chooses to submit an annual UIP to remain responsive to student data and to make timely adjustments that maximize impact each year.

Unified Improvement Planning, introduced in 2009 through the Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids (SB212-08), streamlines state and federal accountability requirements. Its primary purpose is to ensure that all students graduate prepared for post-secondary education or the workforce, with the ability to earn a living wage immediately upon graduation.

It is important to note that the UIP is an *improvement plan*, not a *strategic plan*. While the two overlap, their purposes differ:

- **Strategic Plan:** A broad vision that outlines the district's full set of priorities.
- **Unified Improvement Plan:** A focused plan that targets the highest-priority student outcomes based on data.

The UIP fits within the larger strategic plan but does not encompass all priorities or initiatives of the district.

5. Cost Benefit/Analysis

N/A

6. Advantages (+) / Disadvantages (-)

Advantages (+)	Disadvantages (-)
+ Adherence to statute + The Board will be informed of the UIP updates for the 2025-26 school year.	- N/A

7. List of Attachments (If applicable):

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For Reference:

[District Unified Improvement Plan 2024-25](#)

☐ N/A - No Attachments