



December 11th, 2018

Dear Superintendent,

Congratulations on the hard work in your district! Your school(s) have earned one of our state awards due to student performance on the state assessments.

SOUTH CONEJOS RE-10	
School	Award
ANTONITO MIDDLE SCHOOL	Centers of Excellence Award

We so appreciate the work you and your staff do every day to help Colorado's students reach their full potential! You will see these award recognitions noted on the 2018 School Performance Frameworks, which will be released after the December 12th State Board of Education meeting. Feel free to share this good news publicly - descriptions for each award type are listed below!

Your district will be recognized at the 2018 School and District Performance Awards Ceremony this coming spring. More information on dates and registration will follow in early January 2019. Please contact Kim Burnham (burnham_k@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6916) with any questions related to award banners, award graphics or the upcoming ceremony.

Thank you again for all your hard work!

Sincerely,

Katy Anthes, Ph.D.





Award	Award Description	Number of Awardees (2018)
Centers of Excellence Award	<p>Each year, the Colorado Department of Education recognizes public schools in the state that enroll a student population of which at least 75 percent are at-risk pupils and that demonstrate the highest rates of student longitudinal growth, as measured by the Colorado Growth Model. On the school performance framework that is used by the state to evaluate schools, these schools have demonstrated impressive results on the indicator relating to longitudinal academic growth.</p>	<p>15 schools <i>within 11 districts</i></p>
Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award	<p>The Governor's Distinguished Improvement Awards are given to schools that demonstrate exceptional student growth. On the school performance framework that is used by the state to evaluate schools, these schools "exceed" expectations on the indicator related to longitudinal academic growth and "meet or exceed" expectations on the indicator related to academic growth gaps.</p>	<p>105 schools <i>within 39 districts</i></p>
High School Academic Growth Award	<p>The High School Academic Growth Awards recognize high schools that demonstrate the highest levels of students' academic growth in CMAS ELA and Math, as well as for SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and SAT Math, within each classification used by the statewide association for high school activities for the sport of football.</p>	<p>8 schools <i>within 6 districts</i></p>
John Irwin	<p>The John Irwin awards are given to schools that demonstrate exceptional academic achievement over time. These schools received an Exceeds Expectations rating on the Academic Achievement indicator of the School Performance Frameworks reflecting exceptional performance in Math, English Language Arts, and Science.</p>	<p>185 schools <i>within 34 districts</i></p>

