September 27, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each school in Colorado is assigned an overall school performance rating every year based on student performance and growth on state assessments. Graduation rates and college matriculation are also considered for high schools. Following the assignment of performance ratings, each school is required to develop a Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) that outlines targets for performance outcomes and strategies that the school will implement to improve academic outcomes for students.

Based on our school’s performance and growth on the 2019 assessments given last spring, our school was given a Priority Improvement Rating based on low-performance in the areas. Attached is the complete 2019 School Performance Framework report that describes how our school has been evaluated.

Our UIP will provide us with a focused improvement plan, including an analysis of student performance data and a detailed action plan. The plan must incorporate ideas and feedback from parents, be approved by the Denver Public Schools Board of Education, and be submitted to the Colorado Department of Education on or before January 15, 2020 for review. To meet that deadline, our UIP will be developed according to the following timeline of November 15, 2019.

Information was provided at our Back to School night (September 6th) and during our first Collaborative School Committee meeting (September 11th) to gather input from parents concerning the development of our potential future plan. In addition, a team comprised of teachers, staff and students are working collaboratively to create a school identity and a vision for readiness.

You can learn more about Colorado’s school accountability system here: http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/stateaccountability or http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/accountabilityfactsheetaccountabilityclock2019

If you have any questions about our overall school performance rating or how you can get involved in our improvement efforts, please contact me.

Sincerely,

¡Sí se puede! Yes we can!

Antonio Esquibel