



2115 Grand Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501

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Dear Parents,

Pursuant to the Education Accountability Act of 2009, all public schools in Colorado are required to develop unified improvement plans (UIPs) that outline targets for performance outcomes and strategies that the school will implement to achieve academic improvement. Depending on performance, schools are expected to implement a performance plan, improvement plan, priority improvement plan, or turnaround plan. Based on results from the Colorado School Performance Framework in 2018, **East Middle School** will be updating its AEC **priority improvement plan** during the 2018-19 school year.

The school was assigned to this plan type based on low-performance in the areas of **Academic Achievement and Academic Growth**. Attached is the 2018 school performance framework report that describes how the school has been evaluated. The district must submit **East Middle School** UIP to the Colorado Department of Education on or before *January 16, 2019* for review. The UIP provides the school a focused improvement plan, including a data analysis on student performance and a detailed action plan. To meet that deadline, the UIP will be developed according to the following timeline: October 31st, Rough Draft Submitted to Level Director for Review; January 16th, 2019 Draft submitted to the Colorado Department of Education for review.

The School Accountability Committee has held two meetings this school year, on September 4th and October 2nd. During these meetings the SAC discussed the possibility of EMS being placed on a Priority Improvement Plan, and feedback about the direction of the school and it's philosophy of education were received. EMS will hold another public meeting, designed as a focus session, to gather input from parents concerning the development of the plan on Monday, November 12th, at 6:00pm, in EMS's Library. Prior to adopting a plan, the local school board will hold a public hearing on **November 13th, 6:00PM at the Harry Butler Board Room (455 N. 22nd Street, Grand Junction)** to review the plan.

For more information, please contact Timothy Fifer at 970-254-5020.

Sincerely,

Timothy Fifer

EMS Principal