



Memo

To: APS Board of Education

From: John L. Barry, Superintendent

CC: Leadership Team

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Subject: 2011 Colorado TELL Survey: District & State Comparisons

In February 2011, the Colorado Department of Education distributed the TELL survey. The TELL survey is a statewide survey of school based educators to assess perceived teaching/ working conditions at the school, district, and state level. The main intent is to provide additional data for school and district improvements. Results are also expected to inform state level policy (CDE, 2011). The surveys were conducted anonymously, and reports generated for schools and districts with greater than 40% participation. The TELL survey was administered previously during 2009.

The Aurora Public Schools district had approximately 1,100 returned surveys that represent 44.5% of all the potential participants. This compares to a 46.7% participation rate for all of the teachers in the state. The bullets below summarize the key findings for Aurora Public Schools.

- ***All but one item had increases in agreement. All items except two had significant agreement rate increases that exceeded 5%.***
- Most survey items had moderate agreement rates. Overall, 59.4% of items exceeded 60% favorable responses. Only 15.3% of the survey items had agreement rates less than 49.9%.
- State approval rates generally exceeded those that were observed for the district. For four of the eleven items concerning school facilities and resources, APS exceeded the state performance levels. In addition, for a number of professional development items APS teachers exceeded the agreement rates of the state overall.