

Cesar Chavez Academy and Dolores Huerta Preparatory High School would like to thank the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and Caveon Test Security for their efforts and diligence throughout the audit of our CSAP administration program. We do not refute the audit findings, but in fact embrace them as an opportunity to move forward with our educational programs.

Faculty, staff, and students are not surprised that there is no evidence of tampering, teaching to, copying of, or “cheating” during the CSAP. Our students and teachers have worked extremely hard and their high achievement has been confirmed.

Our faculty and staff conducted themselves with a high level of ethics, professionalism, and knowledge of testing procedures throughout this process.

We acknowledge that a significant number of students had an assessment accommodation (extra time) as compared to typical schools within the years identified. The internal policies and procedures regarding these extra time accommodations were practices mandated by prior administration that are no longer associated with our schools.

We share the belief that these proceedings will result in the opportunity for positive and constructive relationships with CDE and Pueblo City Schools (PCS). Under this new administration, we can now move forward with transparent assessment practices and policies for our schools. We will work constructively with PCS to comply with the directive issued by CDE.

It is important to communicate that CCA and DHPH are far from typical. It is our philosophy and our approach that all students can achieve at high levels if afforded equal access as they demonstrate content mastery. We welcome efforts to learn more about our approaches as we continue to meet the needs of all students entrusted to our schools.

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