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D60 beats state accountability clock

District is no longer in priority improvement status

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In the 11th hour, Pueblo City Schools (D60) removed itself from the state accountability clock, but school officials say more work needs to be done.

Officials said Wednesday that the district's accreditation rating has moved up from priority

improvement to improvement.

According to the state accountability law, no district or school may remain in the two lowest rating categories — priority improvement and turnaround — for more than five years.

D60 is in the fifth year of priority improvement accreditation. Of D60's 32 schools, seven were in

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priority improvement and eight in turnaround.

As of Wednesday, 14 district schools increased their plan assignment types.

Officials said the district has been working to reach this goal over the

last six years.

"Clearly, this is an accomplishment that did not happen overnight. Our teachers and school leaders are to be commended for their diligence and the very hard work they have been engaged in over the course of the past six years," said interim Superintendent Charlotte Macaluso in a statement.

"We know that when we consistently analyze what we do, and adjust to get better, we will improve. We also know that what our teachers do every day in the classroom, on behalf of students, makes a tremendous difference."

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authorizes the Colorado Department of Education to conduct an annual review of the performance

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