

EDITORIAL

Schools' TV channel

THE INNOVATIONS continue at Pueblo City Schools (D60), where the district has worked hard to get off the state's accountability clock, thanks in large part to the innovations introduced in recent years and the constant hard work by educators at the schools.

Now, the district is getting into the television business with a PCS-18, its own public access channel.

The district has launched its new broadcast program at South High School, where the modest TV station will be located.

Already, South students have produced 17 videos that are being aired on rotations, 24 hours a day. Videos, whether on websites, hosted internet sites such as YouTube or simply shared by people via their phones or tablets, are a dominant part of the growing digital world in which we live. So we are thrilled to see that Pueblo City Schools has launched such an ambitious program.

Dalton Sprouse, the district's director

of communications, explained that while South is hosting the broadcasting program, the entire district will soon benefit, as channel content will be expanded to reflect all four high schools, extending to middle and elementary institutions. School principals and staff will be encouraged to submit info for broadcast.

Like regular commercial broadcast stations, PCS-18 also will allow the district to showcase offerings and programs and provide alerts such as school closures on an immediate basis.

We likewise are excited that long-term goals include wiring the Arapahoe Room at the district's administration building where board meetings are held. We think there is great value in giving citizens that additional access to the board's work.

It's another exciting innovation for Pueblo City Schools, and we are excited to see how it develops.