

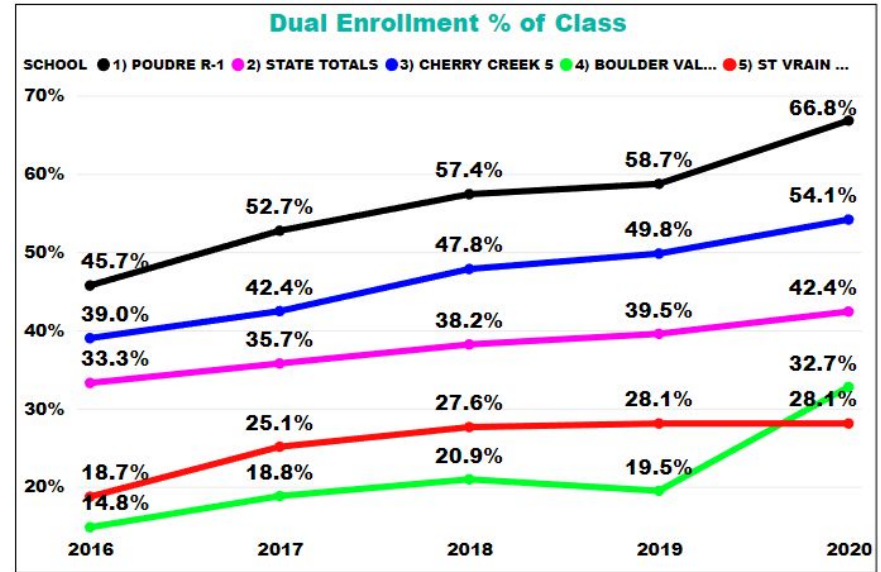


Community Issue Briefing

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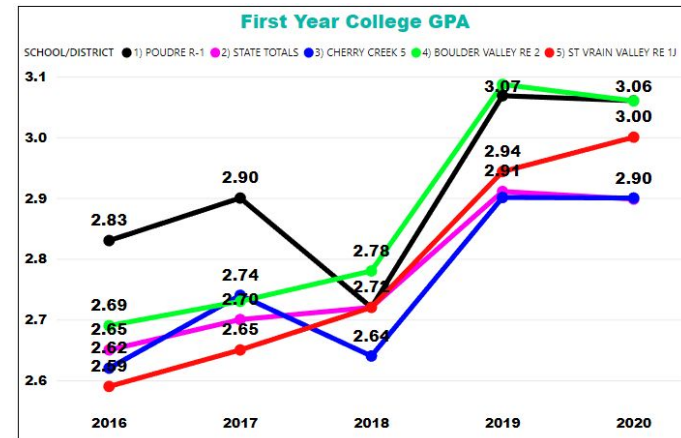
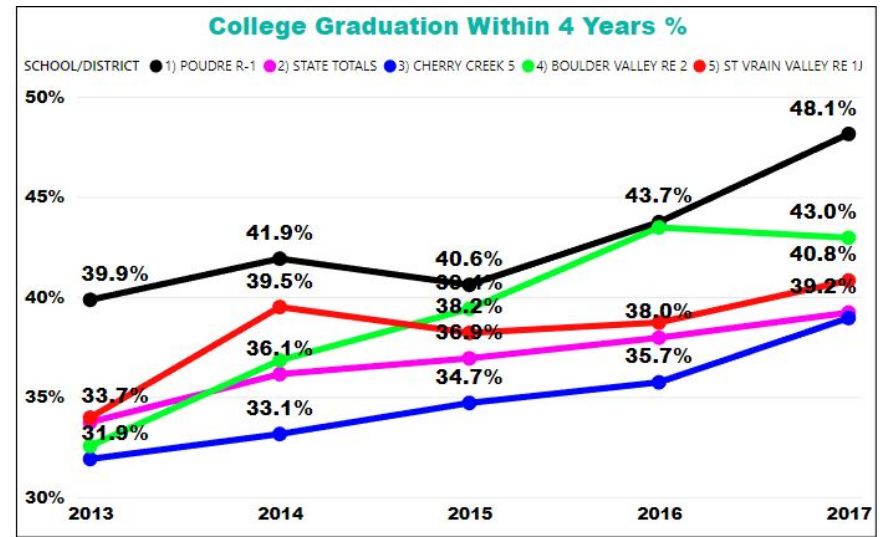
Accelerating Learning

- PSD's graduation rate is the highest it has been in 16 years (87.1%)
- PSD students participate in dual enrollment and concurrent enrollment at higher rates than other districts along the Front Range



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- PSD students graduate from college within 4 years at higher rates and have higher first year college GPAs than graduates from other Front Range Districts
- All PSD students are bouncing back to pre-pandemic levels of academic growth and achievement



PSD Demographics

- District Demographics
 - Total Enrollment: 30,105 students
 - Asian: 2.7%
 - Black/African American: 1.3%
 - Hispanic/Latino: 19.5%
 - Native American/Alaskan Native: 0.4%
 - White: 71.4%
 - Other minorities: 4.6%
 - Free & Reduced Lunch Participation: 28.2%
 - Special Education: 9.5%
 - Gifted and Talented: 11%
 - English Language Learners: 5.2%



PSD Mental Health and Belonging

- PSD outcomes were more favorable than State outcomes on three of nine items related to mental health in the 2021 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey:
 - Stress level is manageable most days (54.8% compared to state at 53.2%)
 - Have an adult to go to for help with serious problems (76.1% to 73.5%)
 - Can talk to a friend about feelings (58.2% to 54.7%)
- There are notable differences on key indicators in the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey based on student identity (i.e. race/ethnicity and gender identity)
- *PSD is committed to supporting the mental health of all students so they can effectively learn*



Emotional Well-Being

- 72% of Gender-Queer/Nonbinary high school students indicate their stress level is NOT manageable most days.
 - 55% for female, 32% for male among all PSD students

(Source: Healthy Kids Colorado Survey 2021)

- Approximately 70% of Gender-Queer/Nonbinary high school students self-report that they purposefully hurt themselves without wanting to die in the past 12 months.
 - 33.2% for female, 15% for male among all PSD students

(Source: Healthy Kids Colorado Survey 2021)



Emotional Well-Being & Pursuit of Interests

- 70% of PSD staff indicate they are moderately or extremely concerned about the decrease in student emotional well-being (health, happiness, and comfort).

(Source: Teaching Learning Conditions Colorado Survey 2021-22)

- 46% of PSD Hispanic families indicate their children are **NOT** taking advantage of opportunities outside of school (private lessons, community athletics programs, community centers, etc.) to pursue their interests.

(Source: 35% across all PSD families in PSD Family Engagement Survey 2021)



Our Focus: Needs Expressed by Students

- Opportunities to Explore Interests and Passions
- Spaces of Belonging
- Access to Mental Health Providers
- Improved Awareness of Mental Health Services Available & Destigmatized Access to those Services
- Training for Students on Self-Regulation and Coping Skills



Accelerating Learning

- PSD Futures Lab
 - Expanding career pathways
 - Internships and apprenticeships
 - Renovation of learning spaces to accommodate Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses in the new Futures Lab space at Poudre High School



Increasing Sense of Belonging

- Supporting Our Marketing Campaign: Elevating Awareness of Mental Health Resources for Students
 - *Example: Creating a student-driven app to connect to resources*
- Supporting Training for Students on Self-Regulation and Coping Skills
 - *Example: DBT training*
- Creating or Renovating Spaces of Belonging through Capital Improvements
 - *Example: Renovation of Cooper Home adjacent to Rocky Mountain High School*

