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### ***Newest Report Shows JPS Maintains High Grad Rates, Low Dropout Rates***

**GOLDEN, Colo., Jan. 21, 2016** – The Colorado Department of Education released the 2014-15 graduation, dropout and completion rates for all Colorado schools today. The Jeffco Public Schools on-time graduation rate remained steady, the dropout rate increased slightly though is still very low, and completion rates decreased from 85.3% to 84.6%. The bottom line: students in Jeffco continue to graduate from traditional high schools in four years at about the same rate as comparable districts in the metro area, dropout rates are well below the state average of 2.5%, and when the timeline is extended, Jeffco Public Schools’ students achieve graduation or GED completion at 90.7% compared to the state average of 86.7%.

“We continue to work on improving our on-time graduation rates, but our extremely low dropout rate and extended time completion rates are a big source of pride for Jeffco Public Schools,” said Superintendent Dan McMinimee.

Chief Academic Officer Syna Morgan added, “I am glad we offer a variety of programs to students. Our recently implemented Jeffco 2020 vision focuses on end goals – how do we ensure students have the skills and knowledge they need to be successful adults? If that takes 5 or 6 years or a different type of school setting, Jeffco has that option and we are looking to continue to improve.”

A five year trend of on-time graduation rates in Jeffco Public Schools indicates a general overall increase. Specifically, the rate over five years shows an increase of **3.8** percentage points for the district with a **3.7** percentage point increase for high schools, a **7.9** percentage points increase for option and special schools, and a **7.3** percentage points increase for charter schools. This year's data also shows some improvements in the on-time graduation rate. High schools increased by **0.3** percentage points, charters saw a **2.2** percentage point increase, and the homeless percentage rate increased by a significant **4.4** percentage points.

<b>Year</b>	<b># of graduates</b>	<b>Graduation rate</b>	<b># of dropouts</b>	<b>Dropout rate</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	5, 415	82.9	766	1.8
<b>2013-14</b>	5, 305	82.9	699	1.6
<b>2012-13</b>	5,292	81.5	710	1.7
<b>2011-12</b>	5,499	81.4	853	2.0



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<b>2010-11</b>	5,287	79.1	830	1.9
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A five year trend of dropout rates shows an overall decline. Specifically, the rate over five years indicates a decrease of **0.1** percentage points for the district, no change for high schools and middle schools, and a **1.2** percentage points decrease for charter schools.

“School teams and my staff focus on keeping kids in school and helping them get the support they need to succeed, and I think our low dropout rate is evidence of this dedication,” explained David Kollar, Director of Student Engagement.

### **About Jeffco Public Schools**

Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 60 years. Approximately nine percent of all the K-12 students in Colorado attend a Jeffco School. Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future. The district has 154 schools on 168 campuses. Additional information about Jeffco Public Schools can be found at [JeffcoPublicSchools.org](http://JeffcoPublicSchools.org).

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