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**Woodland Park, CO – 12/20/2023** – The State Board of Education recently released its finalized School and District Performance Frameworks (SPFs and DPFs) for the 2022-23 school year, offering a comprehensive overview of educational performance within the state's accountability system. All six WPSD schools earned SPF points sufficient for a rating of "Performance," the highest rating. The Colorado Department of Education then reduced the rating of one school, Merit Academy, to "Improvement" due to lower state assessment participation, though state law permits parents to opt out of state assessments. Woodland Park School District (WPSD) has earned an "Accredited" rating with an overall performance rating of 66.8 out of 100.

The official SPFs and DPFs, released on December 13, 2023, evaluate districts and schools based on key performance indicators such as Academic Achievement, Academic Growth, and Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness. The ratings are determined by the accumulation of points across these indicators, with the State Board of Education establishing specific cut-points for accreditation ratings.

Based on data collected from the 2022-23 school year, four of the district's schools have earned scores above 60 points: Columbine Elementary, Summit Elementary, Woodland Park Middle School, and Merit Academy. Notably, Woodland Park Middle School and Merit Academy have achieved scores higher than 75, demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence.

While celebrating these 2022-23 school year performance ratings, WPSD acknowledges areas for improvement in its lowest-scoring schools. Two schools in the district, Gateway Elementary and Woodland Park High School, scored below 60 points. "This assessment of our schools' performance last year enables us to direct efforts toward improving educational outcomes in specific areas," said Chief Academic Officer Kim Moore.

WPSD views these scores as valuable insights guiding its commitment to academic excellence. "We recognize the areas that require additional attention and remain focused on delivering even better outcomes," said Superintendent Ken Witt. "While we are very proud that all WPSD schools earned points at the performance rating,

new leadership in our two lowest performing schools brings confidence that we will continue to improve.”

The district is optimistic about the positive trajectory ahead and is committed to ongoing efforts to improve the quality of education within WPSD.

**About the Woodland Park School District Re-2**

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