



CASB Serving You!

Week of: April 2, 2021

CASB believes that quality public education is the foundation for our nation's economic prosperity, community's quality of life, and every child's opportunity to live their best life. The following are current events and opportunities for our members:

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

- ★ Please take a moment to share with us your thoughts on our Regional Meetings, Fall Conference and Delegate Assembly, and the 81st Annual CASB Convention — the [event survey](#) is open now.
- ★ The [Built to Serve](#) campaign to help recruit school board candidates is up and running. Please help us promote:
 - Webinar #1: **Identifying community members who are 'Built to Serve'**, Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., [Recording](#) and [slides](#)
 - Webinar #2: **Are you 'Built to Serve' on your school board?**, Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., [Register here](#)
 - [Slide deck](#) to public education supporters
 - [Form to recommend someone](#)

ADVOCACY

- ★ **The CASB Legislative Resolutions Committee meets on Friday, April 9, at 8:30 a.m.** Any CASB member is welcome to attend.
- ★ **The federal waiver for reduced CMAS statewide testing was approved.**
 - Grades 3, 5 & 7 only required to take the English Language Arts CMAS test. The math test requirement would be waived.
 - Grades 4, 6 & 8 only required to take the math CMAS test. The English Language Arts exam requirement would be waived.
 - Science test requirement for 8th graders.
- ★ **Mill levy correction:** HB21-1164 would attempt to remedy a decade-old mistake by the CDE in how mill levies are calculated for schools. The Senate passed the bill on second reading and also introduced [Senate Joint Resolution 21-006](#) titled "Interrogatory Regarding School District Mill Levies".
- ★ There are 75 education-related bills that would influence public education introduced so far this session. You can find all the details on [CASB's interactive bill graphic](#) and [bill tracker](#).

This mission of the Colorado Association of School Boards is to advance excellence in public education and equity for each and every student through effective leadership by the collective action of locally elected boards of education.



- ★ [CASB's Key Legislative Priorities](#) are on the website and available for sharing with members and asking them to connect with their [Key Legislators](#).

POLICY AND LEGAL

- ★ Special Policy Updates are released on a quarterly basis. The last release went out on March 31 and addressed
 - A repeal of Policy FA, Facilities Development Goals/Priority Objectives as it no longer effectively serves its purpose as a standalone statement of purpose
 - An update to Policy KB, Parent and Family Engagement. The board should work with the DAC to review the recommendations and revise the policy as appropriate to reflect the local district's needs and circumstances.
- ★ The [2021 Election resources](#) are now available to CASB members on our website.
- ★ The [job posting for the CASB Chief Legal Counsel and General Counsel position](#) is available on the CASB website.

NSBA UPDATES

- ★ The [NSBA 2021 Online Experience](#) is scheduled for April 8-10. This online conference is open for registration. Take advantage of the buy one registration, get one free promotion using code NSBA2021.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ★ [Colorado Virtual Career Fair](#) is seeking panelists to help with this virtual career fair for middle and high school students. The deadline for panelists to apply is April 6 and the Fair is April 19 - 22 from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. all four days.
 - A new CASB Podcast has been released: [The Colorado Virtual Career Fair](#)
- ★ After two decades of service to Colorado school boards and public education, it's time to make the bittersweet announcement that Randy Black, CASB Director of Member Relations, will retire at the end of this month. As part of our celebration of Randy's career with CASB, we will be collecting stories, photos, and notes of gratitude! Please send them to Connie Summers at csummers@casb.org by April 15th. Sign up to attend the virtual celebration on 4/22 at 4pm [here](#).