



CASB Serving You!

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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

- ★ The next **Board President Cafe** is scheduled for **May 13** and board presidents are welcome to sign up. The **May 13** topic is: **How do the responsibilities and role of the board president differ amongst districts?** [Register here](#)
- ★ The [Built to Serve](#) campaign to help recruit school board candidates is up and running. [Recommend someone](#) who you think would be a great school board member and we will contact them and provide information on running for school board!
- ★ Mark your calendars for CASB in-person events this fall: [Regional Meetings](#) are taking place in September-October, [Fall Delegate Assembly Conference](#) will be in Fort Collins on Oct 22-23, and the [CASB Convention](#) will be Dec 2-4.
- ★ The recent [Professional Development Update](#) provides even more details and can be found on our website if you missed the email.

ADVOCACY

- ★ There are about 90 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](#). Some items worth highlighting include:
 - Reach out to the [House Education Committee](#) to support [HB21-1294 K-12 Education Accountability Performance Audit](#). This bill aligns with CASB resolution #1.
 - The School Finance Bill will be introduced the first week in May.
- ★ **Potential November ballot issues** that have the potential of reducing tax revenues by as much as \$1.5B collectively have received the green light to collect signatures:

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.



- Initiatives [#30](#) and [#31](#) would reduce Colorado personal and corporate income taxes to either 4.5% or 4.4% from the current rate of 4.55%.
- Separate rulings from the Title Board granted title to initiatives [#26](#), [#27](#) and [#28](#) which would reduce property taxes on Colorado residential and commercial property.
- ★ [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

- ★ The [2021 Election resources](#) are available to CASB members on our website.
- ★ [Special Policy Updates](#) are released on a quarterly basis and available on our website.

NSBA UPDATES

- ★ [The 2021 Advocacy Institute Online](#) takes place on June 8-10, 2021.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ★ **Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3 - 7.** Colorado teachers have gone to extraordinary lengths to swiftly transition to supporting their students' learning at home. Colorado Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7, 2021 — the perfect time for us to thank teachers for their tremendous dedication, creativity and problem solving during the pandemic. [CDE has resources](#) to help you celebrate and promote the week.
- ★ **May is Mental Health Month** — Mental Health America has released its [May is Mental Health Month toolkit](#). This year's toolkit focuses on the *Tools 2 Thrive* theme to provide strategies and tools to help us all move through the challenges faced during the last year and develop practices to help us thrive.