



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](#)
- ★ CASB, in partnership with the Colorado Secretary of State's Office, will provide a **school election seminars** on Wednesday, June 16:
 - **School election seminar (Part I) from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**
 - Provides an overview of the School Director Election process — including the roles and responsibilities for boards, designated election officials (DEOs), and county clerks and recorders, candidate eligibility, the petition process, and more. This webinar is open to all but is designed mainly for DEOs and potential candidates. [Register here](#)
 - **School elections seminar (Part II) from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
 - Provides an overview of campaign finance — including committees, disclosure reports and filing requirements, contributions, and more. This webinar is open to all but is designed mainly for potential school board candidates. [Register here](#)
- ★ 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.

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 [your House representatives](#) to support [HB21-1294](#) K-12 Education Accountability Performance Audit. This bill aligns with [CASB resolution #LR1](#).**

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.



- ★ The May 7 [School Board Advocate](#) addresses many topics: **Where is the School Finance Act?; YES on HB21-1294; Early Childhood in Colorado; Bill Update; Assembling in Fort Collins**
- ★ **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:
 - 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

- ★ *Upcoming NSBA Events*
 - June 8-10, 2021 [NSBA Advocacy Institute](#) (*virtual*)
 - July 13-14, 2021 [NSBA Equity Symposium](#) (*virtual*)
 - September 16-18, 2021 [CUBE 2021 Annual Conference](#) (in-person)
REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 12
 - October 22-23, 2021 Equity Symposium West (in-person) Oklahoma City

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ★ **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.