CASB Federal Relations Network

Quick Reference Guide

The Colorado Association of School Boards represents local school boards who believe:

- Control of public school systems is best directed by locally elected boards of education and not legislated at the state or federal level.
- Local boards are better positioned to make effective decisions for children, as they are directly accountable to their communities for oversight, efficient use of financial resources and student outcomes.
- The role of the federal government is to support research, promote best practices and help ensure equal education opportunities for every child.
- Federal education requirements should be few in number, limited in scope, judiciously made and fully funded.

PRIORITIES

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

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- Use multiple measures of student growth over time (longitudinal data) as the primary measure of school success.
- Provide flexibility in assessing the progress of English language learners until they become proficient in English.
- Allow states to determine how best to assess and measure learning progress for special education students in accordance with their individualized education plans (IEPs).

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR EDUCATION

- Fully fund IDEA, Title I and all other federally mandated programs. Eliminate all unfunded mandates.
- Distribute federal dollars by formula rather than by competitive grants. Grant writing requires time and energy which could be better spent working directly with students to improve achievement.
- Reimburse, in a timely manner, local districts for any costs, lost revenue or other financial impact resulting from federal activities or placement of federal facilities and/or personnel in school districts.

STUDENT DATA PRIVACY

- Update FERPA to address 21st century needs of schools to collect, store, manage and work with student data without imposing new or burdensome data collection or release requirements.
- Limit online providers' use and sale of data collected from students.

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The Colorado Federal Relations Network (FRN) reviews federal legislation and advocates the views of Colorado school boards to Congress. It is composed of two school board members from each of Colorado's Congressional districts. The FRN meets quarterly.

CASB Mission
Advancing excellence in public education through effective leadership by locally elected boards of education.

CASB is a non-partisan organization representing school board members from Colorado's 178 school districts. CASB does not have a political action committee nor does CASB endorse candidates.