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Resolute in our Resolutions

In 2015 and 2016 the CASB Delegate Assembly approved resolutions calling for the restructuring of the Hospital Provider Fee (HPF). These resolutions benefited your advocacy team when speaking to legislators on the issue and the legislators were swayed by the fact that CASB members passed the HPF resolution. The result of that hard work? The General Assembly passed [SB17-267](#) moving the HPF into a state enterprise fund this past session.

What legislative action would CASB members like to see next? The answer depends on you. Now is the time for school boards to craft resolutions for consideration during the Fall Delegate Assembly. The deadline for resolution submittal is **Thursday, August 24, 2017**.

**Submit
Resolutions**

The 2016 Fall Delegate Assembly was the first to use guidance from CASB's Board of Directors in order to streamline the resolution book and adopt standing resolutions. Standing resolutions outline key ideological elements of the CASB advocacy efforts. The 2017 Fall Delegate Assembly will build upon CASB's Board of Directors' work by having new resolutions submitted every year. This will help to keep resolutions current and ensure they reflect the state and federal legislative priorities held by CASB members.

In addition, each school board member who is designated as a delegate will have an increased role to play in CASB advocacy efforts. Stay tuned for more details about these exciting changes in the coming months.



The in Between Time

The Colorado General Assembly approved [HB17-1340](#) during the 2017 session. The bill created a legislator-only interim committee to study Colorado school finance – oddly enough, the committee is titled “Legislative Interim Committee on School Finance.” The committee met for the first time in July.

Prior to the meeting, **CASB Board President Carrie Warren Gully** sent a letter to committee members sharing some of the areas CASB members would like addressed in any new proposed statewide funding system. Read the letter [here](#).

The committee is authorized to meet four more times before the start of the 2018 legislative session in January. The first meeting was mostly organizational, including selecting a vendor to facilitate the committee's work. Only two vendors completed the RFP, [EdBuild](#) and the [Education Commission of the States](#). The committee was allocated more than \$380,000 for 2017 and the same amount for 2018 in order to pay for this work. With \$760,000 tax payer dollars on the line, the committee decided to re-open the RFP process and attempt to gather additional vendors.

The Legislative Interim Committee on School Finance will meet on September 27, 2017. Committee agendas and future meeting dates are available [here](#).



Road Trip

Your CASB staff will be headed back out on the road for our annual Fall Regional Meetings. See the full list of meeting dates as well as registration information [here](#).

Not only are the regional meetings a great way to network with your fellow school board members, this year CASB has invited state legislators in each region to attend along with members of the State Board of Education. This is a chance to hear from your elected officials and more importantly, ask them questions.

To prepare for these meetings, review the votes of all 100 Colorado state senators and representatives on several keys bills that were approved during the 2017 session by clicking [here](#).

Do the votes of your elected state representative and senators match your board's priorities? If the votes do not match, ask them why they voted the way they did and explain how the results of legislation impact students in your classrooms. Attending a CASB regional meeting is a good first step.

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