

CASB BRIEF



Executive Director Newsletter

“Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.” — Leonardo da Vinci

Our weekly newsletter, *CASB Serving You* has provided a wealth of information, but our members shared that it is sometimes overwhelming (TLDR—too long didn’t read). Today we introduce a new format, the *CASB Brief*. Each week will have a different focus—legal, policy, advocacy, or professional development, but each brief will only be one page. We will send this on Tuesdays, but occasionally we may send a specific notification of an event, policy update, or urgent advocacy concern. Our intent is for you to quickly scan important information, and call on us if you need further information or assistance. We have the knowledge and capacity to help school boards and superintendents understand policy, legal, and governance issues, as well as provide training opportunities that enhance leadership and effective governance skills. Please ask how we can assist you.



Boardsmanship Academies

This year, we are not doing the typical CASB fall regional meetings where we met in a school district in all twelve regions for dinner and a 90-minute presentation. Our members asked for more time to meet with their colleagues within a context of meaningful and relevant content. We are introducing the Boardsmanship Academies this year on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in late August and September. There are 12 sessions in 6 locations throughout the state where board members can learn about two important topics, have lunch, and build relationships with their colleagues. Here are the dates and locations:

- **August 24, 2024** Limon and Johnstown
- **September 7, 2024** Pueblo and Alamosa
- **September 28, 2024** Durango and Grand Junction

We are scheduled for various regions throughout the state, which permits board members to drive-in to the location and be back home on the same day.

[More Information & Registration Here!](#)

School Board Members Needed for Adequacy Study (Urgent Request)

Colorado School Finance Project is looking for board members to sit on panels with other education leaders to support its work around determining what adequate funding of schools in Colorado should be.

The evidence-based (EB) approach, which you are being asked to be part of, is a virtual panel that will require 4 hours of your time and you will meet with 5-8 others to identify the resources representative schools need in order to ensure that all students can meet state standards and requirements. Additional questions can be sent to study team leaders Justin Silverstein, Michaela Tonking, and Tracie Rainey at jrs@apaconsulting.net, mht@apaconsulting.net, and raineytracie@gmail.com respectively.

Background: Augenblick, Palaich and Associates, Inc. (APA), a Denver-based consulting firm, will be working in partnership with Picus, Odden & Associates (POA), Afton Partners (Afton), and Colorado school finance expert Tracie Rainey to conduct the Colorado Input Based Financial Adequacy Study for the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). The study team will implement two input-based adequacy approaches, the professional judgment (PJ) and evidence-based (EB) approaches, that both heavily rely on the expertise and experience of Colorado educators to identify resources and provide policymakers with an estimate of the costs to meet these standards.

The list of available time slots can be found [HERE](#). If you would like to participate please email Molly Homburger (CSFP) at molly.h@cosfp.org.

This Month's Events

Thursday, 15 August

[Board President Cafe](#)

Join board presidents for informal discussions that are single-topic driven. This monthly gathering is to connect, communicate, and celebrate with one another.

Tuesday, 20 August

[Rural Board Member Roundtable](#)

In support of our rural board members, CASB will be co-hosting with the Rural Alliance a series of roundtable discussions for rural board members.