

CASB BRIEF



Advocacy Newsletter

CASB Delegate Assembly

CASB Delegates convened in Pueblo on Saturday, October 19 to help craft the CASB advocacy priorities for 2025. This year, the [CASB Legislative Resolutions Committee \(LRC\)](#), acting on direction from the [CASB Board of Directors](#), unveiled a new legislative platform process. The new platform highlights the priorities of the organization and will make it easier for CASB members to work with their state and federal elected officials on issues important to public schools in Colorado. Following a robust discussion, CASB Delegates approved the adoption of the priorities and the platform.

The CASB legislative platform is the result of nearly a year's worth of work by a sub-committee of the LRC. The group met 20 times to discuss the issues important to CASB members and how best to craft a platform that will engage lawmakers and help CASB members take a more affirmative role in advocating for their students and communities. The plan makes some significant changes to the CASB legislative timeline in the new year. Starting in 2025, the CASB Delegate Assembly will be held earlier in the year. The 2025 CASB Delegate Assembly will be held on Saturday September 6, 2025. By moving the Delegate Assembly forward, it should allow CASB to engage with state legislators to help guide legislation ahead of the January convening of the [General Assembly](#). The newly adopted CASB legislative platform is available on the [CASB website](#).



Happy New Year

While it seems a bit odd to wish you a Happy New Year in mid-October, the new legislative session will be here before you know it. The 75th Colorado General Assembly will convene on January 8, 2025. Depending on the outcome of the November election, the makeup of lawmakers under the gold dome potentially may look very different. Regardless of how the [Colorado House](#) and [Senate](#) are constituted, it is of vital importance for CASB members to engage in the advocacy process. There is no better advocate for students, educators and their communities than a locally elected member of the Board of Education.



With that in mind, please plan to join your fellow CASB members for these advocacy events:

- [CASB Member Day at the Capitol](#) Thursday February 6, 2025
- [CASB Student Day at the Capitol](#) Thursday February 13, 2025
- CASB Winter Legislative Conference Thursday February 27 and Friday February 28, 2025 - [Details and Registration Information](#)

Additionally, join your fellow CASB members and school board members from around the nation in Washington DC at the [2025 National School Board Association \(NSBA\) Equity and Advocacy Institute February 2 to the 4](#). CASB members annually meet with members of the Colorado Congressional delegation to talk about the role of the Federal government in funding school nutrition, career and technical education and special education. If you are planning to join us in Washington DC, register by November 15 and save \$100.

Many Hands Make Light Work

CASB members are truly servant leaders. They work countless hours to ensure our students and educators have the resources they need to be successful. One key area that is particularly impactful is advocacy at the local, state and federal level. CASB members have an opportunity to help with these efforts by serving on the [Legislative Resolutions Committee \(LRC\)](#) and the [Federal Relations Network \(FRN\)](#).

The LRC meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month during the Colorado General Assembly legislative session - January to May of each year. These meetings are held online and all CASB members are welcome. Only members of the LRC appointed by the CASB Board President are allowed to vote. The LRC helps to establish positions on bills, as well as to provide invaluable insight to the CASB staff on school policy and how potential laws might affect the 178 school districts across the state.

The FRN meets quarterly to discuss issues of importance to CASB members before the [United States Congress](#). In addition, the FRN hosts the annual CASB Legislative School Tour where lawmakers and their staffs are invited into classrooms to see first-hand the tremendous work our schools are performing every day.

If you are interested in serving on either committee, please contact CASB Director of Public Policy and Advocacy Matt Cook (mcook@casb.org) for more details.