

Final Resolutions

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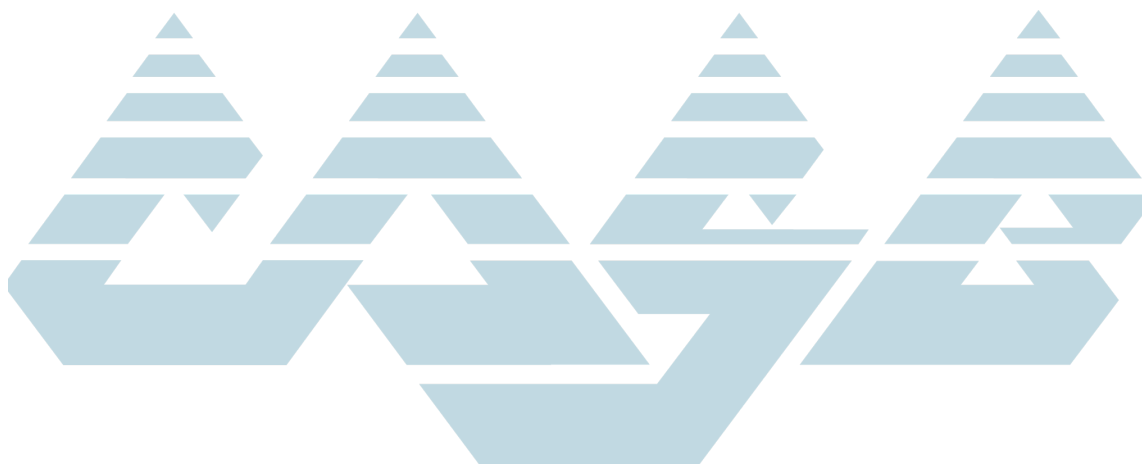


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STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Student Academic Growth and Achievement

- SR1** The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) supports a system of accountability that stresses local measures that inform instruction and separately acknowledges a need for a statewide system that allows measurement of school and district effectiveness and comparison between school districts.
- SR2** The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) opposes any state mandates beyond the federal minimums with respect to assessment and educator licensure to assure local boards' flexibility to allocate instructional time and place the best teacher in every classroom.
- SR3** The Colorado Association of Colorado School Boards (CASB) supports the constitutional authority of locally elected Boards of Education which includes the right to develop schools and programs to supplement current programs and ensure student access to diverse learning opportunities.

Finance

- SR4** The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) believes the state must provide Colorado's public schools with adequate and reliable funding pursuant to a formula that balances federal, state and local revenue sources and is intended to fully fund the legal requirements for and meet the educational needs of all Colorado students. Further, the state must increase the total annual appropriation of state special education funding by at least at the cost of inflation and caseload growth, to reduce unreimbursed special education expenditures at the local level.
- SR5** The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) supports the idea that all new legislation must expressly consider cost at the state and local levels and be fully funded before it may be enforced by the state thus, eliminating unfunded mandates.
- SR6** The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) supports the concept that existing mandates that are ineffective or that have a larger cost than benefit must be rescinded so local boards may dedicate those financial resources to better use.

Local Governance

- SR7** The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) acknowledges the diverse nature of Colorado school districts and establishes locally elected school boards vested with control of instruction as the guarantor of educational quality responsive to local needs as set forth in the Colorado Constitution.
- SR8** The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) supports that control of instruction, including efforts to restructure and fund public education, must be guided by student needs, improved academic growth and achievement, with responsible use of financial resources as determined by the locally elected school board.
- SR9** The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) supports that the essential functions of the local board of education's constitutional authority include establishing the course of curriculum and instruction, the process for determining the terms and conditions of employment for school district employees, and the budget to be used to implement the local community's priorities.

FEDERAL STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Full Funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)

FSR1 The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) calls on the United States Congress to meet the funding requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). Since the implementation of IDEA in the early 1970s, Congress has never fully funded the Act as written. The nation's most vulnerable students deserve the adequate funding required to provide each and every student the resources needed to achieve their full academic potential.

Career and Technical Education

FSR2 The Colorado Association of School Boards supports ongoing and sustainable funding by the United States Congress to support the "Strengthening the Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century" Act, such as by providing resources to lessen the financial impact of a qualified instructor entering the field of Career and Technical Education. Career and Technical Education must be available to all Colorado students regardless of where they live within the state. CASB believes for students to be successful contributing members of a global society, they need access to Career and Technical Education in addition to other academic and extracurricular activities.

School Nutrition Funding

FSR3 The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) supports enhancements to the various federal nutrition programs to allow for the most flexibility in menu choices, a reduction in regulations, and maximum reimbursements to Colorado schools. Colorado community schools are an important source of healthy meals and nutrition education for the state's preschool and K-12 students. Further, CASB supports programs to allow school meal programs to locally source ingredients produced in Colorado.

2024 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

Student Academic Growth and Achievement

- LR1** The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) supports a unified Legislative platform to further enhance the advocacy efforts of CASB members and the CASB organization in our advocacy efforts at the local, state and federal levels of government.

Legislative-Agenda-At-A-Glance

2025 Session

Priorities/Bill Ideas for 2025

- Fine tune the [HB 24-1448](#) School Finance formula for FY 2025-2026
- Ensure BS factor is not reinstated
- Evaluate and determine if the [SB23-287](#) recommended Jan 3 2025 adequacy study results align with CASB priorities
- Evaluate and determine if the [HB23-1241](#) Accountability Task Force Nov 15 2024 recommendations align with CASB priorities
- Update CORA to provide more response time



Colorado Department of Education (CDE) Snapshot
Updated March 2024

2025 Platform

Finance

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- **No public monies for K-12 private schools**
- Increase total per pupil spending to get to the national average
- Fully fund Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Prevent reinstatement of the Budget Stabilization (BS) Factor
- Evaluate and determine if the [SB23-287](#) recommended Jan 3 2025 adequacy study results align with CASB priorities
- Ensure adequate and sustainable K-12 funding levels, and equitable distribution via the School Finance Act (SFA)
- Evaluate grant programs and fully fund effective grant programs via SFA
- Adopt SFA no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the adjournment of the legislative session
- Protect State Education Fund (SEF) and accelerate growth of the multi-generational Permanent Fund
- Ensure adequate and sustainable funding for capital improvements

Student & Staff Safety and Success

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- Increase mental health support for students and staff
- Increase resources to create safe and successful learning environments
- Increase systematic and systemic support of educator recruitment/retainment to ensure equitable, high quality instruction for all students

Local Governance

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- Eliminate unfunded mandates placed on locally elected Boards of Education (BOEs)
- Honor Constitutionally-mandated local control of BOEs
- Expand required response times for public requests of information (i.e., CORA) to align with the scope of request (no undue burden for districts)

Accountability

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- Evaluate and determine if the [HB23-1241](#) Accountability Task Force Nov 15 2024 recommendations align with CASB priorities
- Ensure consistent accountability and transparency processes are in place for all public school options (traditional, non-traditional, charter, single/multi-district online, etc) to certify a learning environment which results in positive student outcomes/success
- Ensure that all public school options (traditional, non-traditional, charter, single/multi-district online, etc) equitably serve all students

CASB's Vision:

Excellence in public education through effective leadership and the collective action of locally elected school boards.

CASB's Mission:

The Colorado Association of School Boards, through leadership, service, training, and advocacy, engages and supports local boards of education to advance a system of public schools where each and every student is equipped to meet their full potential.

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2024 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

Local Governance

- LR5** CASB urges the General Assembly to modify current law on Mental Health Residential Facilities(C.R.S. 27-71-101, et seq.) “When determining appropriate locations for Mental Health Residential Facilities, the department shall comply with local regulations regarding any distance restrictions for temporary or permanent residences of individuals required to register their residence under the Colorado Sex Offender Registration Act, C.R.S. section 16-22-101, et seq.

Finance

- LR7** CASB supports updating the Colorado Public School Contracts Act, section 22-1-135, C.R.S., to include a provision requiring third-party vendors that contract with schools to indemnify schools and districts for failing to comply with Colorado’s accessibility standards. CASB also supports districts making vendors aware of HB21-1110.

Proposed Resolutions that Failed/Pulled from the Floor

- LR2** Withdrawn
- LR3** Failed
- LR4** Withdrawn
- LR6** Failed

Mission Statement

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Vision Statement

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