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## Professional Development Newsletter





#### Is Your Board Ready for a Pulse Check?

If you want your board to be healthy and effective consider getting a yearly pulse check, otherwise known as a Board Self-Assessment. CASB Board Self-Assessments lay the foundation for your board's continuous improvement.

CASB staff are available to facilitate your Board Self-Assessment, which provides your team the opportunity to see where you align in regard to the district's mission and vision, accountability, policy, governance team relationships, and community engagement. Our assessment is designed to guide your board through an introspective look at your practices related to improving student learning.

The CASB Board Self-Assessment will help your school board:

- Be accountable to each other, administration and staff, and the community
- Reflect on your behaviors and performance both individually and as a board
- Promote open communication among members in regard to values, philosophies, and goals
- Challenge assumptions and resolve differences
- Identify strengths and areas for improvement individually and for the whole board
- Start a conversation on goal setting and long range planning

Contact us today in order to schedule a brief call and set your assessment date. Board members receive an assessment outcome report during the facilitated meeting where discussion results in targeting specific goals both individually and collectively. The follow-up discussion will renew the board's commitment to the practices that drive student success. You can contact Leslie Bogar, CASB Deputy Executive Director at lbogar@casb.org or call 303-302-2805.

## **Winter Legislative Conference**

The CASB Winter Legislative Conference offers school board members a unique opportunity to engage with legislators, network with peers, and gain expert insights into education advocacy and policy. Held at the Sonesta Hotel in Denver, this event includes a visit to the Capitol, keynote sessions, and professional development. Attendees will benefit from tailored resources to strengthen their governance and advocacy efforts. Don't miss this chance to make a meaningful impact on education in Colorado! Learn more and register here.

### **Days at the Capitol**

CASB's 2025 Days at the Capitol offers school board members and students an engaging experience to connect with legislators and witness the legislative process firsthand. With activities like a legislative presentation, Capitol tour, and committee hearings, attendees gain valuable insights into education advocacy. Don't miss this chance to strengthen relationships and influence policy!

### Register Here!

#### **Board Presidents' Cafes**

CASB's Board Presidents' Cafes provide an inviting and collaborative space for board presidents to discuss challenges, share ideas, and gain valuable insights to strengthen their leadership. These virtual gatherings are an excellent opportunity to connect with peers across Colorado and explore strategies for effective governance. Don't miss this chance to enhance your role and build a supportive network. Learn more and join the conversation here.

#### **Rural Board Member Roundtable**

CASB's Rural Board Member Roundtables are designed to support rural school board members by fostering meaningful discussions about unique challenges and opportunities. These virtual gatherings create a platform for sharing strategies, resources, and experiences to enhance governance and advocacy efforts. Join this collaborative space to strengthen your leadership and connect with peers across Colorado. Learn more and participate here.