



2012–13

Annual Report

COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS

Following is a **snapshot of CASB's foremost efforts this year** — some quietly behind the scenes and others highly publicized — but all aimed at promoting and supporting the best interests of our members.

School finance

CASB's vital role in plans to overhaul the state's school finance system began long before SB 213's recent passage in the legislature. The work actually started two years ago, when we joined the Colorado School Finance Partnership at the invitation of Cary Kennedy and, along with other education leaders, began efforts to craft a new approach to school finance.

The final recommendations from the CSFP reflected different viewpoints. The business community and advocacy groups sought more innovation, flexibility and accountability. CASB, along with CEA and CASE, sought more resources for reforms already in place. In the end, we all agreed upon the final partnership recommendations, including the need to ask taxpayers for more resources.

Those recommendations were the foundation for SB 213. Of course, Sen. Mike Johnston's take on those recommendations was somewhat different than ours. We worked hard both before and after his bill was introduced in February to reconcile our viewpoints. SB 213 was introduced with what we believed were egregious local control and inequity issues, and we testified, debated, cajoled and negotiated to get those concerns resolved. We're mostly pleased with the end result: a heavily amended bill that will culminate with a statewide ballot measure asking voters to approve a tax increase to inject \$1 billion in new revenues into school finance.

Looking ahead, there is still much work to do to ensure a successful campaign in November. SB 213 has divided the state's education community, but we believe — despite the bill's flaws — this will be the only chance we're likely to have in the next several years to bring significant new dollars to public schools. We also believe SB 213's emphasis on more funding for high needs students is the right thing.

Prior to the start of the 2013 legislative session, the Joint Budget Committee solicited CASB's opinion regarding the governor's K–12 budget proposal. Throughout the session our position on the 2013–14 school finance act (SB 260) never wavered: make a significant down payment on the \$1 billion negative factor and avoid earmarking new dollars for new programs. Ultimately, the passage of SB 260 only applied about \$40 million toward the negative factor — although we lobbied for much more. We believe the legislature's refusal to loosen its grip on the purse strings of the state's budget makes voter approval of a ballot initiative even more important. Without it, we see little chance to restore the negative factor. ■

Constitutional reform

Even if voters approve a revenue measure to put education funding on the right path, Colorado still needs constitutional reform. Colorado's Future is crafting possible 2014 ballot language to create a constitutional commission, which would be formed in 2015 (and every 10 years thereafter) to propose constitutional reform measures for voter approval. CASB is a very active participant in these efforts.

Two historic cases arguing constitutional issues are still in the courts. In the Lobato case, the Colorado Supreme Court is deliberating the state's appeal of a 2011 ruling that Colorado's school funding system is unconstitutional. CASB submitted an

amicus brief on behalf of our members and CASE, and we hope to have a decision soon. In the Kerr case, which challenges TABOR's constitutionality under the U.S. Constitution, the federal 10th Circuit Court of Appeals is considering a motion filed by the state to dismiss. Outside counsel filed an amicus brief on behalf of CASB and CASE, and we hope the case is remanded for trial sometime this summer. ■

Advocacy

With a shift in political power and a slew of new education bills and freshmen legislators, this was a critical year for school board members to become more engaged and raise CASB's profile at the state capitol. Our members did not disappoint — more than 100 school board members representing 43 different districts joined us for CASB's Regional Day at the Capitol. It gave members a chance to learn first-hand how the legislative process works, build relationships with legislators, and get a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the crucial work CASB does at the state capitol to advocate for its members. The program far exceeded expectations, and our members' energy and participation helped further establish CASB as a force to be reckoned with and a key influencer of state education policy. ■

INCOME	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$1,270,171
CONFERENCES/CONVENTION	\$516,330
MEMBER PROJECTS	\$184,266
POLICY	\$137,360
COMMERCIAL AFFILIATES/BOCES DUES	\$24,464
OTHER INCOME	\$101,063
TOTAL	\$2,233,654

EXPENSES	
OPERATING – GENERAL	\$766,541
CONFERENCES/CONVENTION	\$429,464
POLICY	\$266,261
COMMUNICATIONS	\$215,395
LEGAL	\$209,426
PUBLIC AFFAIRS/ADVOCACY	\$155,062
MEMBER RELATIONS	\$143,054
MEMBER PROJECTS	\$114,459
TOTAL	\$2,299,662

2011–12 AUDITED FUND BALANCE		
July 1, 2011 Balance	\$10,542	June 30, 2012 Balance
Revenues	\$2,233,654	Expenses
Expenses	\$2,299,662	

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RURAL DISTRICTS	Membership benefits & services included with CASB dues								Fee-based services & special projects						
	Policy leadership & support	Policy updates based on legislation	Legal consultation & updates	Advocacy & lobbying	Communications updates & support	Peer learning & networking	Board governance support*	Engagement and partnership with education stakeholders**	Policy services	Annual convention	Fall & winter conferences, regional meetings, eClassrooms	Superintendent search	Community engagement	Board effectiveness workshops & retreats	BEST Health Plan
Alamosa Re-11J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	
Archuleta #50 JT	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Aspen School District	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Bayfield 10 Jt-R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•		
Bennett 29J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Brush RE 2(J)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Buena Vista R-31	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Canon City Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Delta County 50J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Durango 9-R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•		
Eagle County Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
East Grand School District	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Eaton RE-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•		
Elizabeth C-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•		
Ellicott 22	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Estes Park R-3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Fremont RE-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Garfield County No. 16	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Garfield Re-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Gunnison Watershed RE1J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•		
La Junta Public Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Lake County R-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•		
Lamar RE-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Manitou Springs 14	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Moffat County RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Monte Vista School District	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	
Montezuma-Cortez RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Montrose County RE-1J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Morgan County Re-3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	
Platte Canyon #1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Platte Valley RE-7	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
RE-1 Valley	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		
Roaring Fork RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Salida R-32-J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Steamboat Springs RE-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Strasburg 31J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Summit RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Trinidad #1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Weld County RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Weld County RE-3J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Weld County Re-8	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Weld RE-5J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Woodland Park Re-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					

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SMALL RURAL DISTRICTS	Membership benefits & services included with CASB dues								Fee-based services & special projects					
	Policy leadership & support	Policy updates based on legislation	Legal consultation & updates	Advocacy & lobbying	Communications updates & support	Peer learning & networking	Board governance support*	Engagement and partnership with education stakeholders**	Policy services	Annual convention	Fall & winter conferences, regional meetings, eClassrooms	Superintendent search	Community engagement	Board effectiveness workshops & retreats
Agate 300	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Aguilar Re-6	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Akron R-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•
Arickree R-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Arriba-Flagler	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Consolidated 20	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Bethune School District	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Big Sandy 100J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Briggsdale RE 10-J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Burlington RE-6J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Byers 32-J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Calhan RJ1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Campo RE-6	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Centennial R-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Center Consolidated 26JT	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Cheraw #31	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Cheyenne County Re-5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Clear Creek RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Cotopaxi RE-3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Creede School District	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Cripple Creek-Victor RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Crowley County RE-1J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Custer County C-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
DeBeque 49-JT	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Deer Trail 26J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Del Norte C-7	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Dolores County RE-2(J)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Dolores RE-4A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Edison 54JT	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Elbert #200	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Fleming School	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Fowler R4J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Genoa-Hugo C-113	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Gilpin County RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Granada RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Hanover No. 28	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Haxtun RE-2J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Hayden School District	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Hi-Plains R-23	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Hinsdale County RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Holly RE-3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Holyoke Re-1J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Huerfano Re-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Idalia RJ-3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Ignacio 11-JT	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Julesburg RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Karval RE-23	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				

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Membership benefits & services included with CASB dues

Fee-based services & special projects

SMALL RURAL DISTRICTS

Note: This list does not include districts that used CASB's Legal Services Program for general counsel services.

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Kim R-88	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							
Kiowa C-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Kiowa County RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							
Kit Carson R-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							
La Veta RE-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Las Animas RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Liberty J-4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Limon Public Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Lone Star #101	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Mancos Re-6	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Manzanola 3J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
McClave RE-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Meeker RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Merino RE-4J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Miami Yoder JT-60	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Moffat Consolidated #2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•			•	•
Mountain Valley RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
North Conejos RE 1-J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
North Park R-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Norwood Public Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Otis R-3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Ouray R-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Park County RE-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Pawnee Re-12	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Petz Plateau RE-5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					•
Peyton 23-Jt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•						
Plainview RE-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							
Plateau Valley 50	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Platte Valley Re-3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Prairie RE-11J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•				•	
Primero RE-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Pritchett RE-3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							
Rangely RE-4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Ridgway R-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Rocky Ford R2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Sanford School District	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				•
Sangre de Cristo RE-22J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Sargent RE-33J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Sierra Grande R-30	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Silverton Public Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
South Conejos RE-10	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
South Routt RE-3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Springfield RE-4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							
Stratton R-4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Swink #33	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Telluride R-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Vilas RE-5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Walsh RE-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Weld RE-9	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				•
Weldon Valley RE-20J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
West End RE-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
West Grand 1-JT	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Wiggins RE-50J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Wiley Re-13-Jt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•					
Woodlin R-104	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Wray RD-2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Yuma 1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					

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Academy 20	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Adams 14	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Aurora Public Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Boulder Valley Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Cherry Creek Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Cheyenne Mountain 12	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Colorado Springs D-11	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Denver Public Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Englewood Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Falcon 49	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Fountain-Fort Carson 8	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Harrison 2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Jefferson County Public Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Lewis-Palmer #38	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Littleton Public Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Mapleton Public Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Mesa County Valley 51	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Poudre R-1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Pueblo 70	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Pueblo City Schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
School District 27J (Brighton)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Sheridan School District	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
St. Vrain Valley RE-1J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Thompson R2-J	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Weld County 6	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		
Weld RE-4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Widefield 3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				

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