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New School Finance Proposal Gets First Hearing In Senate Education Committee

SB 13-213, Senator Johnston's new school finance bill, will be heard at a special session of the Senate Education Committee at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Old Supreme Court Chambers. Live audio will be available on the [Colorado General Assembly website](#).

CASB has been actively engaged in the conversations leading up to the first draft of the bill, which was released just over a week ago. From the beginning, CASB has been fighting against creating "winners and losers" in the bill.

We have had some success, but there is still a lot of work to be done. Senator Johnston is often a hard sell. We will be at the table at tomorrow's hearing to share our concerns with the Education committee.

Our highest priorities are:

1. Inequities created by the elimination of the cost of living factor and other changes to per pupil funding calculation
2. Flow of ELL and at-risk dollars directly to building principals
3. State-local funding stabilization, which negatively impacts 27 districts
4. Special education funding changes
5. Charter school funding changes

Please let us know if you have other questions or concern with the bill.

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