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Legislative Alert: April 15, 2016



CASB voices needed to oppose charter school bills

Who: All CASB members

What: Senate Bills 187 and 188, sponsored by **Sen. Owen Hill**, R-Colorado Springs, allow the state to dictate how school districts work with and fund charter schools. <u>SB 188</u> would require, among other things, that districts share mill levy money, even if the charter school did not exist when the mill levy was approved. <u>SB 187</u> adds burdensome requirements districts must follow when working with charter schools. Both bills would revoke powers of local control provided to school districts under the Colorado Constitution, Article 9, Section 15.

When: The Senate Education Committee is scheduled to hear testimony at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21.

Where: Colorado Capitol, Senate Committee Room 356

Why: CASB is asking school board members to testify during the Senate Education Committee hearing. School board members need to express their opposition to both bills. It is vital that legislators, from both sides of the aisle, hear your voice on these proposed new laws. Many school districts have very good working relationships with charter schools. Senate Bills 187 and 188 are not the solutions to achieve better educational outcomes for all students.

If you are unable to attend the Senate Education Committee meeting please email and call your senator. <u>Use this link to send your email.</u>

CASB's advocacy team is ready, willing and able to help you prepare to testify. Please contact Jane Urschel (303-302-3809) or Matt Cook (303-302-3812) for more information.

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