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Summer school for boards: Three steps to bolster your lobbying momentum

The legislative session and CASB's Days at the Capitol have wrapped up and schools are out soon for the summer. Now what? There's no time for school board voices to go quiet in the battle for school funding. CASB wants to help you carry on the passion and activism that was generated this legislative session. Here are three things you and your board can do now:

1. Watch videos from the Legislative Debrief meeting

If you missed our Legislative Debrief meetings this month, that's OK – we recorded it! Watch the videos from the Denver meeting to see Ken DeLay and Jane Urschel give a retrospective of what happened under the gold dome. The meeting is divided into three videos for easier viewing.

2. Listen to Jane's podcast on how to lobby legislative candidates

When the legislative session starts again in January, we'll have 30 or so new faces at the capitol. Don't wait until after the November election to make contact with them. Reach out to those candidates now – while they are campaigning to represent you and your community. Spring and summer is the ideal time to start schooling our new legislators – <u>listen to Jane's podcast</u> to learn how.

3. Submit resolutions for CASB's Fall Conference and Delegate Assembly

By submitting resolutions for consideration, your board can take an active role in determining how CASB will approach crucial education issues that the legislature may take up in the next session. Boards don't need to submit proposed resolutions in final form. Just submit an idea or a concept through our online template and CASB's legal team will draft a proposed resolution and return it to your board for final approval. Not sure where to start? Read our school board calendar and to do list.

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