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Advocacy Newsletter

United States Department of Education Releases Over \$70 Million



U.S. Department of Education

After a month of hurried contingency plans and crossed fingers Colorado educators breathed a sigh of relief late on Friday July 25 when the [United States Department of Education](#) released more than \$70 million to the state that were being withheld under the direction of the [White House](#). These funds had previously been allocated by Congress for mostly Title program grant funding.

CASB members step up to the plate in a big way by sending over 600 messages to the Colorado Congressional Delegation asking for their help to release the withheld funds. These messages are crucial to helping lawmakers in Washington D.C. understand the impacts to students in their classrooms across the state. With the start of the 2025-26 school years just weeks away in many districts locally elected Boards of Education and their Superintendents can start the year confident that plans already in place to use these Title program dollars can continue.

Congress is in recess during the month of August. Once legislators return all eyes will turn to the next round of budget discussions for the next fiscal year. CASB staff will continue to provide updates as the process continues.

Register for CASB's Fall Conference Before the Early Bird Ends!

[CASB's Fall Conference & Delegate Assembly](#) is your once-a-year opportunity to engage directly in CASB's governance while connecting with school board leaders statewide. Featuring keynote speakers Nathan Minns and Leila Kubesch, the conference offers powerful, practical sessions on communication, family engagement, and policy planning—plus networking with exhibitors committed to supporting your district's success. [The early-bird registration deadline is August 4](#) — lock in the discounted rate now and help your district maximize budget-friendly professional development.

Equally important: Each district must select and register its voting delegate for the Saturday Delegate Assembly. Every school board district is entitled to one vote as the assembly sets CASB's legislative agenda and adopts talking points that guide advocacy in the coming year. You can select your district's delegate by registering them for the assembly and then selecting the delegate option in the sessions section of the registration form.

[Register Here!](#)



Join us at a [CASB Regional Meeting](#) this fall to earn 15 Board Award points and stay up to date on key topics like school law, finance, and advocacy. These meetings also offer a valuable chance to connect with fellow board members and strengthen regional collaboration.

While you're there, help recognize outstanding leadership by submitting a [McGuffey Award nomination](#). Each district may nominate one board member who goes above and beyond in service. Honorees are celebrated at the meetings and CASB's Annual Convention—an inspiring way to highlight the impact of dedicated local leaders.

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