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## Charting the Capitol Summer To-Do List

For most of you, summer break has arrived! Congratulations on the completion of another successful school year. Before you sign off completely for a much-deserved vacation, be sure to complete the following to-do list to ensure your school is in compliance with recent legislation and up-to-date on the the latest advocacy efforts. **Act now since the deadline for many of these tasks is July 1.**

### Post Automatic Waivers Document and Your Latest 990 to Your Financial Transparency Webpage

Two additional transparency components of last year's mill-sharing legislation ([HB17-1375](#)) were the requirement that all schools and districts with 990s post them to their financial transparency webpage by July 1, 2018, and that all charter schools with automatic waivers also post a standardized description of what these waivers mean to their financial transparency webpage by this same date. The law directed CDE, CSI and the League to jointly develop the standardized automatic waiver descriptions, a final copy of which is available [here](#).

In order to ensure compliance with this section of the law, simply download this document, add the name and contact info for someone at your school who is available during normal business hours to answer related questions (there is space provided at the end of the document to insert this information), and upload it alongside a copy of your latest 990 to the financial transparency page of your school's website by July 1. [Click here for CDE's FAQ document about the reporting requirements.](#)

### Monitor Your District's Plan for Mill-Sharing Implementation

Also as part of HB1375, all districts with charter schools and mill levy override (MLO) revenue are required to post their plans for sharing of that revenue by July 1. While they do not have to start sharing until the 2019-20 school year, they have to declare their intentions for how they intend to do so by July 1 of this year, and so most district boards will be making their final decisions on this in the next couple weeks. *Don't forget to keep an eye on this!* If you want your school to receive the maximum amount of funding possible, it may require some engagement and advocacy on your part, all of which the League stands ready to assist with. But if you're not tracking the conversation, you may not know what your district intends to do. Have questions or need support? Please contact Dan Schaller, Director of Governmental Affairs, at [dschaller@coloradoleague.org](mailto:dschaller@coloradoleague.org).

### Add Information about COCAN to Your Registration Packets and Back-to-School Materials

It's no secret that charter schools have faced increased scrutiny and opposition in recent years, particularly at the national level. In order to effectively counteract this negativity and misinformation here in Colorado, we have to get organized! For this reason, we're asking school leaders to help spread the word about **the League's Colorado Charter Advocacy Network (COCAN)** to your parents and families so that they can start advocating on behalf of their children AND the lives of thousands of children attending charter schools across the state.

**Please choose one or more of the following ways to help us grow and strengthen our network of charter school advocates:**

- [Click here](#) to post this COCAN one pager on your website detailing what COCAN is and why one should join. [Click here](#) for a one pager about the Charter Advocacy Leadership Council (for the more engaged advocate).
- Add these same one pagers to your **Back to School registration packets** for new and existing families.
- [Text "COCAN Sign Up" to 52866](#) - This simple task takes less than a minute, but when you and thousands of others take action, it makes a huge impact on the entire charter public school community. Your voice counts!
- Invite the League to provide information about COCAN to parents and families as part of your back-to-school events in the fall. Please contact us at [cocan@coloradoleague.org](mailto:cocan@coloradoleague.org) to schedule this.

## Keep an Eye Out for Details on New Grant Opportunities

Several bills were passed during this last legislative session that could represent new grant opportunities for your school. Two of the most significant were related to school safety ([SB18-269](#)) and teacher retention ([HB18-1412](#)). Various rules and regulations need to be written before the funds for these new programs can be disbursed, but we wanted to be sure to flag them for your attention so that you can keep an eye out for application details as they emerge in the coming months. We will also do our best to disseminate additional information as we receive it.

## Save the Date: The League's Fall Summit - Monday, September 24

The League's annual Fall Summit will take place on Monday, September 24, at the Arvada Events Center. We'll have more details and a registration link when you return from summer break. Be sure to save the date so that you and your colleagues can attend this important event.

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