

In CASE

You Missed It



Dear CASE members,

Here is this month's wrap up of items that are important that you might have missed. Please see below for this month's highlights.

Upcoming Events

2026 Convention Now Open

Registration is now open for CASE members only! The non-member window will open on May 14th. This two-and-a-half-day event will feature two nationally recognized keynote speakers, extended-time workshops on timely topics, about 60 breakout sessions on the most current and relevant issues facing K-12 public education, and plenty of time to visit and catch up with your fellow administrators.

[Learn More & Register](#)

Women in Educational Leadership Conference

The CASE Women in Educational Leadership Conference is designed as a full-day experience that sparks connection, deepens your leadership practice, and sends you home with a clear path forward. You'll take your leadership from tabletops to the trails in this multi-medium event held the day before the 2026 CASE Convention kicks off. Registration is currently open to members only, and will open to non-members starting May 14th.

[Learn More & Register](#)

Preparing for the Central Office

This one-day CASE workshop is designed for leaders transitioning from building to systems leadership. Gain insights into the skills needed for central office success, network with peers, and develop strategies for leading at scale.

[Learn More & Register](#)

Policy Roundup

The 2026 legislative session wraps up May 13, with the School Finance Act (SB 26-023) moving forward and setting K-12 spending at \$10.2 billion — an increase of \$438 per student. Despite a \$1.2 billion state budget shortfall, K-12 largely avoided major cuts, though small reductions to counseling, bullying prevention, and math grants will impact districts. Members should note that no new students should be enrolled in the TREP teacher preparation program, and the budget's optimistic assumptions carry a real risk of mid-year rescissions in early 2027. Learn more by visiting the BriefCASE archives.

[View the Archive](#)

Opportunities

School Mental Health Summit | May 1st

Please join on Friday, May 1st from 9am-12pm for a free virtual summit sponsored by the School Mental Health Support Program. The topic is "Getting to the Root of It: Colorado's Youth Mental Health Crisis and the Role of Schools in Primary Prevention." At the summit, we will hear from a panel of experts on the causes of the youth mental health crisis, and explore how schools can help address the real underlying factors contributing to rising mental health issues. We will begin developing a set of guidelines for schools, which will form the foundation of a community of practice that SMHSP will host beginning in September 2026. If you have any questions, please contact smhsp@cuanschutz.edu.

[Register Now](#)

Join us! May 4th, 1:00 pm CDE Data Reporting Feedback Session

CASE has partnered with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to ensure all voices are heard across the state as the CDE explores ways to improve how local education agencies (LEAs), including school districts and BOCES report data to CDE.

We are inviting you to a CASE session with CDE and WestEd on **Monday, May 4th 1:00 - 2:00 pm.**

- **Join Zoom**
Meeting: <https://wested.zoom.us/j/96333873954?from=addon>
 - Meeting ID: 963 3387 3954
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Celebrate the 2026 CASE Award Winners

CASE is honored to celebrate these 12 outstanding leaders in education. Please take a moment to read each of their Award Stories to learn more about them.

[Learn More About Each Winner](#)

TLCC Results are Live

We are pleased to share that the results from the Teaching, Learning, and Community Connections (TLCC) Survey are now live and available for your review. We encourage you to use these findings to inform your strategic planning, school improvement efforts, and community engagement initiatives going forward.

[View the Results](#)

Request for Feedback on School Board Needs: Accreditation & Improvement Planning

In partnership with the CDE, we invite board members, superintendents, school leaders, and charter authorizers from both districts and charter schools to complete a brief, anonymous survey. The survey should take less than ten minutes to complete. This survey was developed to fulfill the requirements of HB25-1278 and is intended to gather input on training and support needs related to accreditation and improvement planning for board members. The

feedback collected will help guide the development of resources and supports for board members that will be made accessible to education stakeholders in the coming year.

[Take the Survey](#)

Career Center

Have a job within your district you would like to get filled? You can post it on our job board! For assistance with posting positions, contact Tracy Owen at towen@co-case.org.

[Click here to view our Career Center](#)

Did you know? CASE's annual Convention brings more than 1,500 education stakeholders together every summer — and it sells out every year. Members get priority registration so you don't miss out! [Register today!](#)

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