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## Thank you!

On behalf of our four organizations and the thousands of members, we are so appreciative you have given the time to learn about our top legislative priorities and help us see them to the finish line. We are confident that we can better support our districts, schools, classrooms and students with this work. The questions we gathered from our first night together will make our next session all the more informative. Spread the word and help us grow!

*Bret Miles, Colorado Association of School Executives*

*Amie Baca-Ohlert, Colorado Education Association*

*Michelle Murphy, Colorado Rural Schools Alliance*

*Cheri Wrench, Colorado Association of School Boards*

## January 21, 2021 – Meeting Summary

Our first meeting was a whole lot of talking at our participants. We apologized in advance, but spent the time setting up our future meetings. We opened by reviewing our purpose, proposed some working agreements for us during these online sessions, and dove into the three bills our groups are working to pass this Legislative Session. We are focused on these three bills because we are so pleased that the associations that support and represent teachers, administrators, and school board members, from the tiniest school districts to our largest, are all in agreement with these three goals:

- Pause statewide CMAS Testing for the Spring of 2021,
- Conduct a third-party audit of our State Accreditation System, and
- Give teachers one more year to complete important course work required by the READ Act.

Each of these proposals will be in bill form. For each of the three bills, we introduced them by sharing their sponsors, what the proposed legislation would do, and why it was important to us. These details are in the slides attached. At future meetings, we will go into greater detail on each one of these bills — for now, we just scratched the surface. After each bill was introduced, we solicited questions and comments from the participants in the chat or on Jamboard, a collection of electronic sticky notes. We will be using these questions and comments to drive the content for our future meetings. The feedback was awesome and we gathered so much more that we thought we would. Thanks again!

**[Click here to access a copy of the presentation slides!](#)**



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## What's next?

Our group will meet next on Thursday, February 11th. You will receive the email reminders and zoom invitation prior to the event. Our topic will be a deep dive into the CMAS Pause bill. We will have some assessment experts there to answer questions and to outline in plain talk why we are certain that the testing this year will not only be not beneficial and, but potentially problematic.

We will also start talking about the advocacy needed to let legislators know parental views on this topic. Legislators have let us know consistently that while they appreciate feedback from our organizations, they want to know for sure that parents feel the same.

In the meantime, continue to spread the word! Share out about our first meeting, forward this email to interested parents who couldn't make it, and invite them to register online [at this link](#).

## Meeting calendar

- Thursday, February 11, 2021
- Thursday, February 25, 2021
- Thursday, March 11, 2021
- Thursday, April 1, 2021
- Thursday, April 15, 2021
- Thursday, April 29, 2021

Meetings take place from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in English, and 6:00pm to 7:00pm in Spanish

## Questions?

Feel free to reach out with any questions by emailing us at [case@co-case.org](mailto:case@co-case.org).