

New Board Member CASB Convention 2011



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Board Member Responsibilities

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- Financial steward - budget - audit
- Academic performance
- Accountability to state and community
- Implement new legislation based on regulations and rules
- High quality professionals
- Safe learning environment

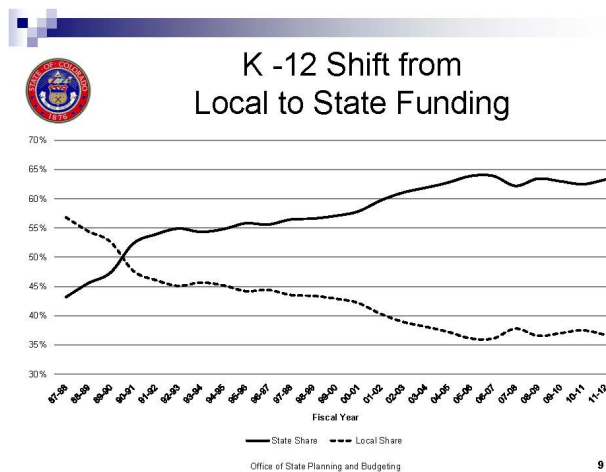
Creating a System

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- Dollars available in Fall 2011 – not necessarily dollars available in 2012
- External challenges
- Implement CAP4K – new accreditation, assessment and accountability – educator effectiveness – post secondary workforce ready – yearly academic growth for each student
- Local initiatives

Local vs. State Share

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Additional Challenges

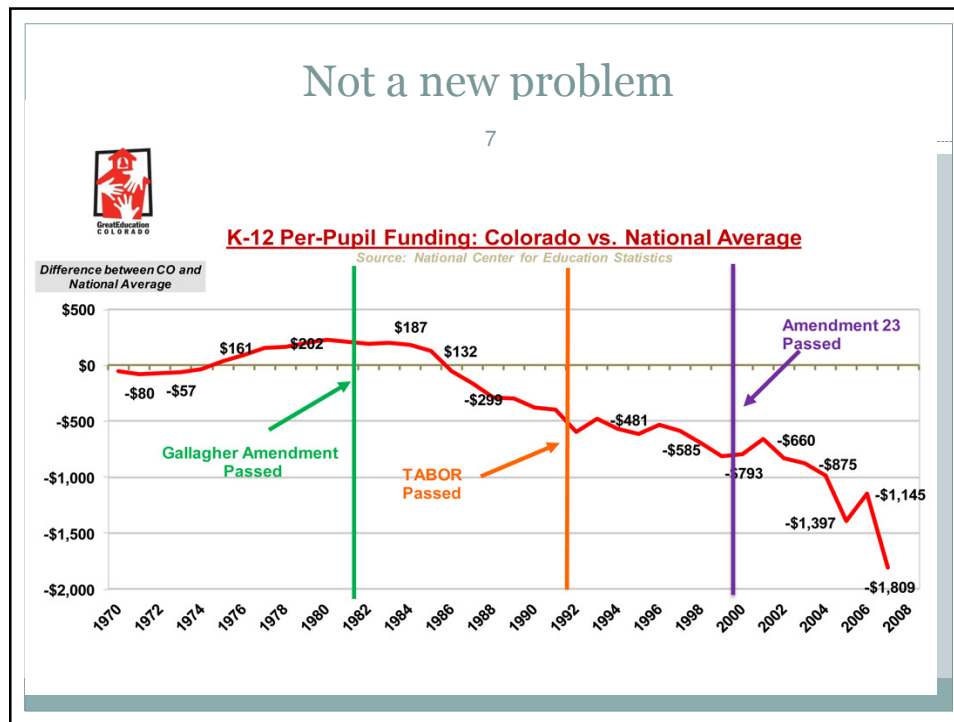
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- **\$1,397 below average in Per-Pupil Spending (\$1,919 when adjusted for Cost of Living)**
- **40th in Per-Pupil Funding (42nd adjusted for Cost of Living)**
- **42nd/46th in Poverty Gap Measures**
- **42nd in Pupil-teacher Ratios**
- **41st in Technology in Schools**

State Reduction - Realities

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- **K-12**
 - 2008-09 Cuts → **\$28 million, \$36 per student**
 - 2009-10 cuts → **\$110 million, \$140 per student**
 - 2010-11 cuts → **\$354 million, \$440 per student**
 - 2011-12 cuts → **\$227 million, \$345 per student**
 - 2012-13 cuts → **\$719 Million, \$961 per student**
- **Higher Education**
 - 2009-11 cuts → **\$187 million, \$1,553 per student**
 - Annual tuition increases between 9% and 20%



- ### Balancing priorities
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- State resources reduced – 4th year – total reduction estimate over 1 billion dollars
 - State and Federal mandates regarding use of certain dollars and populations served
 - Implementing new state expectations and reforms
 - Local options – decision making to arrive at your balanced budget in June 2012
 - Challenges compounded

What is your District's Process?

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- When do you begin discussions as a Board of Education?
- How do you engage your community and stakeholder groups?
- How do you work with your employees?
- How do you begin discussing options?
- How have you defined options?
- How do you move forward?

District Dynamics

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- Are you a district that is growing or declining in enrollment?
- Are you in a metro, suburban or rural area?
- How have your demographics changed?
- How does your district's academic rating influence your decisions?
- Is a local override election an option?
- Other?

Information Always Changing

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- Influences outside of your control that influence your plan - timing and message
 - Quarterly statewide economic forecasts – have potential to change funding quarterly
 - Legislature - decisions that impact new requirements - or resources
 - Governor’s initiatives
 - Grants - one time dollars
 - Lobato - litigation

Lobato - A Game Changer

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- 2005 suit filed – state in violation of “thorough and uniform system of free public education” and the “local control clause”
- 2009 – Supreme court ruled that claims could be heard – and the courts were the correct venue for complaint to be heard
- August 2011 – 21 school districts + parents + MALDEF = 5 week trial
- Decision anytime
- Legislature must solve

Lobato & Moving Forward

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- Great opportunity for the students of Colorado to be a winner
 - Lobato
 - State Legislature tackle the problem prior to ruling
 - Governor's office lead a solution
 - JBC – has warned of concerns and asked for leadership to address
 - Other outside groups

What is Your Role?

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- Responsibility to your district
- Your knowledge and voice are important within your district and with your legislators.
- Understand other districts situations – solutions aren't taking from others to benefit your district
- Be a listener and a leader to solve problems

Let Us Start Now

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- Here is an example of this year's budget reductions – and the “nitty gritty” of making the numbers work and ensuring priorities and mandates are met
- How do you start?
- How do you communicate your decision?
- Did you accomplish the task?
- We will ask you to share