



COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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2006 Legislative Priorities of the Colorado State Board of Education

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SCHOOL FINANCE

Jared Polis
Vice Chairman
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- **Local Share** - Support action to ease the strain on the state budget by reducing the deterioration of the local share of education funding to the legislature.
- **Online Education Funding** – Ensure accessibility for all Colorado students.
- **Supplementary Online Courses** - Provide funding for coordination of supplemental online courses.
- **School Trust Lands** –
 - Support legislation that has potential to increase the Permanent Fund.
 - Exempt school trust lands from TABOR.
 - Recognize a formal spokesperson for the beneficiary.
- **Full-day Kindergarten** – Support access for at-risk kids to quality full-day kindergarten.
- **Early Childhood and Family Literacy** – Support legislation that would increase access for at-risk students to early childhood education and family literacy programs.
- **Comprehensive Funding for Assessments** – Support a uniform approach for funding all state-mandated tests.
- **Contingency Reserve Fund** – Restore the Contingency Reserve Fund.
- **Capital Construction** – Support efforts to fund the Giardino settlement.

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5th Congressional District

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7th Congressional District

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1st Congressional District

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4th Congressional District

➤ **Exceptional Student Services Funding -**

- Fund excess costs consistently for special education students served out-of-district either in a charter school or a non-charter school.
- Support mechanisms for funding special education, with an emphasis on high-need students.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- **Closing the Achievement Gap** – Fund \$1.46 million for the Closing the Achievement Gap Program.
- **School Conversion** – Support more flexibility for the State Board and local districts to develop remedies to address underperforming schools.
- **School Accountability Reports** – Support changes in the statute to allow for the added flexibility this Board needs to manage the quality and productivity of the report regarding format, content, and placement.

SPECIAL EDUCATION/GIFTED & TALENTED

- **Post Secondary Education Options** –
 - Support the exploration of expanding the Post Secondary Education Options (PSEO) statute so that gifted students who require college coursework before the 11th grade, as agreed by school and parent, may benefit from the PSEO statute.
 - Support legislation to address expanded access to post-secondary education options.

GENERAL

- **State Board Authority** – Support recognition of the Colorado State Board of Education’s constitutional responsibility for public schools by requiring the Board to implement legislative directives via rules rather than specifying such details in state statute.

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