# CSDB Board of Trustees

# Superintendent’s Report

# February 2023

## Student Enrollment

As of February 10, 2023

Total Number of Students Currently Served Statewide 699

Total Number of Students Served on Campus since August 2022 181

Current Campus 3-21 Enrollment 167

Students in the School for the Deaf:

Preschool 10

K-5th 28

6-8th 19

9-12th 27

Bridges to Life 12

Total 96

Students in the School for the Blind:

Preschool 7

K-5th 19

6th-8th 13

9-12th 22

Bridges to Life 10

Total 71

Day Students 128

Residential Students 39

Parent Option 18

District Option 149

Teacher/Student Ratio 1:4

CHIP (Deaf) 375

CHIP (Deafblind) 15

Blind: Birth – 3 yrs. 23

Direct Outreach 119

ELDI Programs 86

## Interim Superintendent

* 1.19 All-Day Leadership Team meeting at UCCS Downtown
* 1.23 Conducted Interviews for Security Officer III
* 1.26 USAFA Cadet Partnership Discussion with USAFA
* 2.1 150th Anniversary Committee Meeting
* 2.9 Attended Parent Staff Organization Meeting (PSO)

## REPORTS FROM SUPPORT SERVICES

## Finance

* The financial reports show expenses through December 31, 2022, halfway through our fiscal year.
* In January, the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) considered the supplemental requests for adjustments to the current fiscal year budget. The JBC made final supplemental decisions January 26 and closed out the supplemental process. The JBC approved our budget supplemental request of $21,700 for the student auto transportation insurance premium for this year’s budget. There will be a supplemental appropriation bill for each department that gets introduced soon and will move through the regular bill process.
* The JBC has moved on to figure setting to make funding decisions for the upcoming fiscal year (FY23-24). The JBC analyst will present our school budget document request February 23 and make recommendations for the JBC’s consideration in a figure setting document. We have received the figure setting questions from the JBC analyst, and they have asked for the enrollment and utilities data, which have been provided. This figure setting process will continue until March.

## Personnel

* To date, 19 positions have been filled for the 2022-2023 school year. Since July 1, 2022, there have been 8 employee separations. Currently, there are 35 total vacancies: 10 vacancies for non-Classified positions; 25 vacancies for Classified positions. Note: there are 17 vacancies in Student Life Programs; there are no immediate plans to fill 13 positions due to the number of students currently residing in the dorms (39 students).
* Administrative Assistant I (CIMC) closed Friday, December 30, 2022 – Interviews completed, reference checks being completed prior to offer.
* Administrative Assistant III (CIMC) – Out-of-State Waiver was requested from DPA and approved. Job announcement reposted and will close February 14, 2023.
* Dining Services I announcement reposted and closes February 21, 2023. Both applicants invited to interview cancelled.
* Human Resources II was allocated to Human Resources I due to shift in job responsibilities; announcement closes February 12, 2023. Interviews are scheduled for February 15, 2023.
* Currently accepting applications for the Transition Teacher, Preschool Teacher, CO-Hear (Grand Junction location) / Job offer pending, and Library Teacher / Coach, Administrative Assistant II / Accessibility Coordinator (new position with interpreters) Comparative Analysis in process;, Dining Services I (2 full-time vacancies), Consultant – Staff (ASL) Interpreter (job offer pending), Social Studies TVI

## Facilities/IT

### Facilities Update

### Stone:

* Getting quotes for the woodshop floor, lights, painting improvements – future museum/History Committee Workspace
* Completed some in-house electric/ductwork demo and cleared out wood shop
* Changing table installed with Medicaid money
* Testing tactile methods to improve Blind/VI navigation throughout building (using grit tape to sense changes in direction to avoid obstacles like water fountains, shelves, stairway openings)
* Getting quotes to dispose of roughly 414 gallons of used oil in 2 oil-sand separator tanks

### Ritter:

* Starting air filter replacement next week on all Fan Coil Units
* Replaced elevator sensor on the North door

### Gym:

* Installed power outlet for OT/PT physical therapy table

### Gottlieb:

* Installed ADA opener on the basement door

### Argo:

* Researching gas options to replace steam kettle – energy savings
* Changing table installed with Medicaid money

### Campus:

* Transitioning from SchoolDude to FMX – go live April 3
* Campus snow and ice removal going very well
* Applied and approved for $17.5K School Security Grant to help fund Emergency Action Plan development
* New temp custodian – assigned Adams, EEC, and Lions.  Custodial II position has been posted
* Replaced the Jones vehicle gate opener
* Governor Jared Polis signed [House Bill 22-1358](https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/HB22-1358): Clean Water in Schools and Child Care Centers into law June 2022. This law requires that each child care center, family child care home and school that serves any of grades preschool through fifth in Colorado test their drinking water for lead by May 31, 2023, and remediate if necessary
  + Currently working with the State to test drinking water in areas that serve drinking water, ice, or steam kettle to children pre-school through 5th grade

### IT Updates:

* Setting-up Staff WiFi access
* Begun receiving devices for life cycle replacements - will issue units in the upcoming months
* Identifying alternative options to replace touch panel in Gottlieb
* Preparing for SchoolDude to FMX transition
* Moving forward with AV System replacement in Gottlieb (Lifecycle Replacement Budget)

### Project Update (<https://csdb.colorado.gov/facilities-construction/active/funded-projects>):

* Emergency Steam Plant Power Restoration
  + Control module installed, closing out project
* Admin Rehab
  + Approximately 80% complete
  + Storm windows projected to arrive next week
* Industrial Roof Repair
  + Awarding to Tri-Star Masonry
  + Construction/repair June-July
* Argo Roof Replacement
  + Attic asbestos cleanup in progress, completed February 14
  + Central States Roofing starting attic work within the next few weeks
  + Roof replacement 6/15/2023 – 8/03/2023
* West Hall Roof
  + Design/Build Contractor will be selected February 15t
* Gym Construction
  + MW Golden Constructors perform construction 5/30/2023 – 10/31/2023
* Capital Construction/Capital Renewal (CCCR) & Controlled Maintenance (CM) 5-yr plan discussion w/Leadership Team & Principals completed
  + Plan Board meeting to review CM & CCCR 5-yr plans
  + CSDB has received Level 1 (highest) prioritization from Office of State Architect/Office of State Planning & Budgeting for the following projects:
    - ADA Playground $1.9M – next to Lions Hall, 2x the size of the current playground and ADA-compliant/fully accessible
    - Security Upgrades (Phase 1 of 2) $572K – perform a security threat assessment & prepare infrastructure/network for Phase 2 security cameras
    - Gym Renovation (Phase 3 of 3) $1.5M – Elevator/ADA accessibility, new flooring, bleachers, mechanical heating/cooling and more
    - These projects still have to be reviewed and prioritized by the Capital Development Committee and the Joint Budget Committee before being placed on the Long Bill for the Governor’s approval/signature
    - OSA feels very positive that we will receive funding for these projects and supports moving forward with procurement/design efforts now
* CEM Assessment of Emergency Action Plan
  + Received 1st Site Visit Report and Draft Playbook
  + Consultant reaching out to several Deaf & Blind Schools for existing plans
  + 2nd Site Visit planned for 3-5 May

## Both Schools

* Report cards and progress reports were sent to families, and we will have parent conferences the week of February 13.
* All schools have first semester awards set up for February.
* Spirit week was enjoyed and celebrated in both schools with superhero day, crazy hat day, diamond day, and CSDB color day!
* Both schools celebrated the 100th day of school with fun writing, reading, counting, and arts and crafts activities.
* Pre-K (Deaf and Blind) Had the State Department report of inspection and has submitted responses to any findings (training certificates that were not in file)
* PreK (Deaf and Blind) Has been going through a lengthy Quality Rating Inspection. Preschools are rated on several qualifying factors including business practices, Health, Academics and Professional Development. Since opening the CSDB PreK has been at a level 2. We received notice that we are now a level 4 (Scale runs from 1-5 with 5 as the highest rating.)
* Representatives from the state library visited our new library space. Jennifer Mathews showed them around. They are very impressed with the progress made since Jennifer was hired.

## School for the Deaf

* Our School for the Deaf Academic Bowl team went to Oregon to compete.
* Lower elementary students celebrated 100 days of school February 1.
* We are happy to announce we are offering a chess class as an elective for our secondary students this spring. Select students will be going to a competition in late April with students from other Deaf schools! Thanks to Nick Catalano for heading this and Justin Wilson for supporting!
* Serena Chee and Lisa Shigio hosted an Asian Town to recognize the Chinese New Year. This event encouraged students to learn about other cultures, celebrations and food.

## School for the Blind

* We’ve welcomed two more new students in the School for the Blind.
* Secondary students attended two different ski trips to Vail with the support of Foresight Ski Guides and their amazing instruction on the mountain.
* We had a going away party for our intern, Adrianna, from Florida State University. We wish her well in her final semesters of school.
* Secondary English students are writing speeches and presenting their speeches in class.
* Elementary students enjoyed a 911 Presentation. They participated in a game determining what is and what is not an emergency. The students enjoyed the presentation, and we thank Courtney Kinder, Public Information Officer, for visiting us.

## Employability Center

* Three students in the Bridges to Life program aged out of our program at the end of January. All three intend to directly enter the workforce. They are now exploring jobs in their home areas with the support of their local DVR counselors.
* Students in our Bridges to Life (BtL) program and the Post-School Preparation (PSP) class continued in their work experiences. Of our 27 student workers, 96% of students are currently placed in job placements. Some examples of worksites include Habitat for Humanity and Mary’s Mountain Cookies.
* BtL students are continuing their study of Heart Health. They have completed posters of heart healthy (low fat) foods and identified risk factors for heart disease and healthy lifestyle choices to promote heart health.
* Bridges to Life students in the Blind/Visually impaired class picked their sewing projects. They are making a stuffed bulldog, a beanie, a stuffed Teddy Bear, and a dress. We are excited to see their final products!
* Brides to Life students in the Deaf class are reading the book, The Diary of Anne Frank, in their book club.
* Students in career exploration classes are preparing for their Construction career activities. They began designing their cardboard building structure (faux blueprint). Next, they will begin construction on their projects.
* Students in music and art classes continued their lessons and projects with a guest instructor from the Fine Arts Center as part of our CSDB-FAC partnership this semester.
* In PE classes, students worked on sound localization skills while playing target games and learning about soccer.

## Student Services

* Travel plans are being finalized for five students to travel to San Francisco for five days over Spring Break.  They will get to socialize and spend time with students from the California School for the Blind and have many different experiences in the Bay area.  They will be accompanied by our School Psychologist in the School for the Blind.  The students had the trip planned in conjunction with Enchanted Hills camp but it was previously cancelled due to covid.
* Our Orientation and Mobility team are providing an all-staff training February 17 in conjunction with the Blind Awareness trainings, on campus, this school year.
* The School Psychologist in the School for the Deaf, in collaboration with Gallaudet University and Rocky Mountain Deaf School, helped organize a professional development event that drew school psychs nationwide that serve D/HH students.
* The School Psychologists from both schools went to a weeklong national conference and have lots of great information to bring back to CSDB, specifically relating to staff mental health, student crisis intervention, and MTSS.

## Student Life

### Athletics

* The girls’ basketball team traveled to Iowa again for the Great Plains School for the Deaf basketball tournament February 2 - 5. The girls did a great job, and we are looking forward to being a part of the GPSD tournament again.
* Homecoming was a success; this is because of the whole campus support. Originally it was postponed one week due to weather, then leading up to the actual event, it was almost cancelled again due to New Mexico School for the Deaf not having enough healthy players. Thankfully we were able to still host Homecoming.
* Deaf Academic Bowl was held February 9 to February 12. Our very own Rashad Ali won the “Rising Star Award.” The other teams noticed one of our students always had a positive mindset and tried to answer all the questions the best he could, right or wrong, he always gave his best effort.
* Special Olympics basketball started in January. All the athletes are enjoying practice.
* PeeWee basketball also started in January.

### Afterschool Programs

* Great Escape Bible Club Monday nights.
* Due to basketball and goalball this month, we did not have a lot of scheduled afterschool activities.
* Nine Square in the Gym

### Dorm Activities

* With basketball and goalball in full swing, dorm activities for January look a little different. We baked banana bread and we cooked dinners in the dorm.
* Palmer BtL students went to Springs Trampoline, a popular place with our dorm students.
* Ever popular Karaoke night in Palmer Hall brought smiles on the students faces.
* Some students went to Tinsel Town for movie night.
* BtL hosted a Money 101 workshop in Palmer for BtL students.
* High school deaf girls, hosted UNO card game night.
* Movie night in the dorms.
* The elementary dorm hosted Science with Lemons, a fun way to look at lemons. They also hosted a puzzle game and even did snowflake art.

## Outreach Programs including the Colorado Instructional Materials Center (CIMC)

### Colorado Instructional Materials Center (CIMC)

### ****Statewide Student Registration Database & Federal Quota Census Count****

Monday, January 2 was the day the entire nation uses for the federal quota census. CIMC also uses this date to manage a second, statewide, registration database of all Colorado learners with visual impairments, including blindness for the Colorado Dept. of Education. The CIMC is working with every school district to update their registration databases. March 15 is the deadline for the CIMC to add new students to the federal quota census database on behalf of agencies and school districts.

### ****First Friday and Southern Region TVI/DVR Meetings****

* No Southern Region TVI-DVR meeting was planned for the month of December. The November Make-and-Take session was postponed due to weather. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 3:30-4:30 pm to hear from our esteemed Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) personnel.
* During the morning and afternoon session of the “First Friday” CIMC Zoom meetings held December 9, 2022, new APH (American Printing House) products were demonstrated and teachers from across the state of Colorado were able to ask questions. The next meetings will take place Friday, January 6. 2023 from 9-10am and again from 2:30-3:30pm.

### ****CSDB Outreach: 2023 Metro Denver Braille Challenge Contest****

The 2023 Metro Denver Braille Challenge took place February 10, 2023, in partnership with the Colorado Center for the Blind (CCB) in Littleton.

### ****Community ASL Classes****

* We are offering six ASL classes; three on Tuesday evenings and three on Thursday evenings. The Outreach team is partnering with the ASL specialists in Gottlieb to support parent classes for students attending CSDB. We are in week 5 of the 8-week session and so far it has been great. Last day is February 28/March 2.
* **We are also teaching ASL to staff at Springs Rescues Mission. We are offering a 3-part series for them. We will start a 4-series ASL class for Teens at Sand Creek Library starting on February 22. There will be two more 4-series for Teens in April at different libraries: Fountain and Ruth Holley.**

### ****Immersion for Professionals****

The ASL Immersion for Professionals February 4, turned out great. We had thirty-four participants. Our survey shows that thirty-two participants rated Very Satisfied and two rated Satisfied. People are asking for ASL classes in the Denver area more often.

### ****Colorado Digital Learning Solutions (CDLS) - Online ASL Courses for Middle and High School Students****

We currently have a total of 47 CDLS students this Spring semester.

### ****ASL Classes for CSDB Staff****

Staff ASL classes are currently in session.

## Early Education Team

### ****Little Language Learners****

The Winter Session started mid-January and eight children are joining this year! Parent education will be focused on ASL learning, early literacy, parent to parent support, infant nutrition, and other amazing topics!

### ****CO-Hears****

Interviews for the Grand Junction position were held in January. Pikes Peak CO-Hear is supervising and supporting a speech language pathology intern from CU Boulder. The team is gearing up for the Spring training and continues to work with EI Colorado and Colorado EHDI with systems and processes.

### ****Colorado Shared Reading Project****

CSRP team had their first zoom meeting and workshop for contractors in January. They focused on early literacy strategies with wordless books. The team continues to provide ASL classes for families on the waiting list, and in collaboration with The Resource Exchange in Colorado Springs, for families who have children birth to age 3.

### ****Early Literacy (EL) Events****

January was all about planning for our February, March, April and May events. The “Save The Date” flyer was shared, and teams finalized plans for the Spring.

### ****Ascent Program****

Ascent is a Colorado Early Hearing, Detection, and Intervention (COEHDI), funded Deaf adult role model program offered through CSDB. The videos to promote the program were finalized and are now being shared. Promo video can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/qQvkLMzjxAc>

## Media:

* Max Prep – report on multiple CSDB girls’ basketball games
* Gazette – CSDB delays due to weather
* Blind Coloradoan – Fine Arts Center at Colorado College partnership with CSDB bringing an Artist-in-Residence to CSDB each week.
* PRWeb – CSDB joins the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System
* *PSO* **-**February meeting discussed providing teachers and staff snacks during Parent Teacher Conference and upcoming family activities.

### Media Production

The Student Services tour video and the CO-Hear video are completed. The Blind Awareness recordings are now available for internal viewing as new staff need training.

### Livestream

January 17, 4:00/5:30 Basketball

January 21, 10:00 Goalball

January 21, 1:00/3:00 Basketball

February 7, 4:30 Basketball Senior Night

### Social Media and Website:

*Created Super in 60 second*s videos for social media to showcase activities on campus:

Jan 13 – Community Partners at Work: Envision Xpress

Jan 25 – Community Partners at Work: Calvary Chapel/iHeart Radio podcasts

Jan 27 – Homecoming Spirit Week

Jan 31 – Preschoolers: Get Your Climb On!

Feb 3 – Homecoming

Feb 9 – 100th Day of School

Feb 15 – Oratorical Contest

### January monthly analytics

Facebook reach 14,177 Instagram reach 293

New fans 49 Growth 2.5%

Total likes 4,824 Total fans 409

Linked Unique views 26 Twitter Impressions 425

New followers 9 New followers 0

Total followers 586 Total followers 294

### YouTube

14,216 views/768 hours

New subscribers 70

Subscribers 4,906

### Website Analytics:

* Average time on pages 2:53 minutes;
* Most popular pages Home Page, Outreach/ASL Community Classes, School Calendar, Careers/Join Our Team, Careers, Careers/Classified Jobs;
* Comparison pageviews 11,232 (Jan 2022) vs 19,578 (Jan 2023)