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## Charting the Capitol Pre-Summer Break Check List

Summer break is around the corner (although you wouldn't know it by the recent Colorado snowstorms). Here are a few things to check off your to-do list before heading out for summer break in order to ensure your school is in compliance with current and new legislation.

### **HB 17-1375: Post Your Waivers and Replacement Plans on Your Website**

Pending the signature of Governor Hickenlooper - which is anticipated in the coming weeks - [House Bill 17-1375](#) will officially become law. While historic in terms of its impact on the equitable use and distribution of local mill levy override revenue to charter schools ([see summary document here](#)), it does include a few additional transparency elements, one of which is scheduled to take effect on July 1 of this year.

**Specifically, by July 1, 2017, each school district and charter school shall post, in a location and format that can be easily accessed and downloaded on its website, a list of the state statutes for which the school district or charter school has received a waiver along with copies of the replacement plans associated with those waivers.**

1. If you already have a copy of your full charter contract posted in an easily accessible location on your website, and the contract includes your waivers and replacements plans, you should already be covered under this component.
2. If not, please ensure compliance by posting a copy of your state waivers and replacement plans to your school website before July 1.

### **Update Your Student Internet and Mobile Device Policies**

[House Bill 17-1302](#) was approved and is expected to be signed into law by the Governor. As reported in [The Denver Post on May 6](#), the legislation would make consensual exchanges of nude images by children a civil infraction and gives prosecutors a range of options - from a petty offense to a felony - to use against teens who possess or distribute sexts against a victim's will. The bill requires the Colorado School Safety Resource Center to make available a sexting curriculum for school districts [and charter schools] to use. Contact Margaret M. Ochoa, J.D., Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist, [Colorado School Safety Resource Center](#) at [margaret.ochoa@state.co.us](mailto:margaret.ochoa@state.co.us) or 303-239-4439 with questions.

### **Make Sure Your School's Website is ADA Compliant**

Many Colorado charter schools and districts are receiving letters of complaint from the Office of Civil Rights stating that their websites are not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you have received a letter and are not sure what to do next, please contact Stacy Rader in the League's Communications Department for guidance at [srader@coloradoleague.org](mailto:srader@coloradoleague.org) or 303-989-5356, ext. 112.

To avoid receiving a complaint, here are a few things you can do now to get your website in compliance.

1. Enter your website URL into this audit tool: <http://wave.webaim.org/>. From there, click on all of your website links from within the tool. On the left-hand side of the screen take a look at any red flags and make a plan to correct those issues ASAP. You can click on each red flag for more information about how to fix the error. If you have a lot of red flags and are not sure what they mean, contact Stacy Rader for assistance at [srader@coloradoleague.org](mailto:srader@coloradoleague.org) or 303-989-5356, ext. 112.
2. [Click here to review best practices](#) on how to make your website accessible to all.
3. [Click here for a presentation](#) from the May Charter Communicators Network Meeting with more tips and tricks on making your website ADA accessible.

### Complete the Colorado Charter Schools Facilities Survey

If you haven't already, please set aside an hour to complete the [Colorado Charter Schools Facilities Survey](#). The collected data will be analyzed and used to support League policy efforts to address many challenges charter schools face, including limited state funding, expensive private leases, and school districts obstructing the ability of charter schools to acquire available campus space. The online questionnaire takes approximately one hour to complete -- however if you gather the information you will need ahead of time it should only take 20-30 minutes. If you do not have access to your school's unique survey link, contact Omar Ihmoda at [oihmoda@coloradoleague.org](mailto:oihmoda@coloradoleague.org). The survey will close on Friday, June 2.

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