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Upcoming Events

2014 Forecast Webcast | Jan 22,
2014 - Online

**2014 Brown Act & Board
President's Workshop Combo** |
Jan 24, 2014 - Sacramento

**2014 Institute for New and First
Term Board Members** | Jan 24,
2014 - Sacramento

2014 The Brown Act | Jan 24,
2014 - Sacramento

2014 Board President's Workshop
| Jan 25, 2014 - Sacramento

**2014 Brown Act & Board
President's Workshop Combo** |
Jan 31, 2014 - Garden Grove

2014 The Brown Act | Jan 31,
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CSBA urges support for LCFF regulations

Letters to SBE must be received by noon Friday, Jan. 10; meeting is Thursday, Jan. 16

Grassroots support is crucial for the **proposed Local Control Funding Formula regulations** that go before the State Board of Education next Thursday, Jan. 16, CSBA Executive Director and CEO Vernon M. Billy says. "It is critical that governance teams reach out to the SBE about how they are implementing the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and engaging local stakeholders," **Billy wrote to members Tuesday**. "I urge you to attend and testify at this meeting with your superintendent and parent representatives and/or submit a letter via email to the SBE." CSBA has a **sample letter** that can be customized to describe activities that local educational agencies are taking to implement LCFF and to develop their required Local Control and Accountability Plan through community outreach and study sessions, as required in the draft LCAP template the State Board will consider. Please **send CSBA a copy** of your letter to the SBE, and **let us know** by Monday if you plan to attend the Jan. 16 SBE meeting. For more information check out our **LCFF Web page** and **online toolkit**.

Forecast Webcast topics: 2014-15 budget, LCFF and more

Annual webcast rescheduled to Jan. 22 due to crucial SBE meeting

The release of Gov. Jerry Brown's 2014-15 state budget proposal **this Friday** will help set the stage for CSBA's **2014 Forecast Webcast** from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Jan. 22, when Executive Director & CEO Vernon M. Billy will lead a panel of experts from CSBA in a discussion on the new year's K-12 education and fiscal issues, supplemented by insights from renowned economist Christopher Thornberg. Please note the new Forecast date; the webcast was postponed a week to allow maximum input from local school governance teams at the Jan. 16 State Board of Education meeting, when regulations for the Local Control Funding Formula are expected to be adopted—another surefire Forecast topic. The Forecast Webcast is complimentary for CSBA members, but **registration** is required.



Learn the facts about foster youth

CSBA fact sheet offers insights about some of state's most vulnerable students

The unique needs of California's foster youth are in the spotlight under the state's new school funding formula. That calls for governance teams to have reliable data and guidance on the most effective ways to help students in foster care reach their academic potential. A new [foster youth fact sheet from CSBA](#) summarizes a recent report from the Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning at WestEd, which compares students in foster care with other low-income students and English learners in general. Concluding that foster youth have unique characteristics that justify their identification as a separate at-risk student subgroup, the fact sheet summarizes several recommendations that can help provide the academic and social supports foster youth need to persist and succeed in school. See [more resources to help foster youth](#) on the CSBA website.

CSBA Web page shows how schools can help children get medical coverage

Resources provided by All In for Health Campaign, Covered California

Students suffering from lack of medical care can't concentrate on their studies, but more than 400,000 children in California do not have health insurance. Several new resources posted on CSBA's [Children's Health Insurance Web page](#) can help close that gap. These include fact sheets from the [All In for Health Campaign](#), which CSBA belongs to; a sample board resolution supporting the campaign; and Covered California fact sheets in a number of languages to assist parents and staff in enrolling children for health coverage. For more information about holding enrollment events in your district, contact All In, a project of the Children's Partnership.

CSBA's January newsletter posted to read online

In the January issue of *California School News*:

- New CSBA President Josephine "Jo" Lucey looks at public education as "a civil right and economic necessity" in her first [Vantage Point column](#)
- Executive Director & CEO Vernon M. Billy looks back at 2013, "a historic year ... for education in California and for CSBA," in the [Year in Review](#)
- Highlights of [CSBA's Annual Education Conference and Trade Show](#) in San Diego last month, and of the [Delegate Assembly](#) that preceded it

It's all online [here](#), where you can also find a link to other issues of *California School News*, the *Weekly Update*, *California Schools* magazine and more.

AEC headliners' talks archived to view through January

Handouts from workshop presenters also available to download

The keynote presentations from CSBA's recent Annual Education Conference and Trade Show can be viewed online through the end of January. They include engaging presentations by Jane McGonigal on the benefits that games can offer for student engagement, and by

education professor Yong Zhao on unlocking each student's potential through a greater focus on the individual. CSBA Executive Director & CEO Vernon M. Billy closed out AEC with the annual State of the State presentation, a stimulating discussion of the year ahead with Wes Smith, Ed.D., executive director of the Association of California School Administrators; CSBA Assistant Executive Director for Governmental Relations Dennis Meyers; Ron Bennett, CEO of School Services of California Inc.; and Kevin Gordon, president of Capitol Advisors Group LLC. To view any or all of the presentations, just log on to [My CSBA](#). Once there, you can also [search](#) for handouts from dozens of AEC workshops.

Events, Training and Opportunities



Free Common Core assessment modules, secure browsers available

Sixty detailed Performance Assessment Modules aligned to the Common Core State are now available from the [California Office to Reform Education](#). Developed by teachers at CORE's 2012 Summer Design Institute, the free modules have been updated after field tests involving more than 15,000 students. "Teachers can download the [English Language Arts](#) and [Math](#) modules as ... documents that can be customized, updated, and scaled for their students' needs," CORE [announced](#). Related: The California Department of Education's [CCSS Resources Listserv](#) reports that secure browsers, required for each computer that students will use to take the Common Core assessments, are now available from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium for Microsoft Windows, Macintosh OS X, and Android-based tablets. Browsers for other platforms are also under development.

Coming: Complimentary Budget Perspectives Workshops

Four groups will analyze 2014-15 budget at 19 venues around the state

CSBA is teaming up with Capitol Advisors Group LCC, the Association of California School Administrators and the Small School Districts' Association to present free [Budget Perspectives Workshops](#) covering Gov. Jerry Brown's 2014-15 budget proposal. "These workshops are held in small, regional settings around the state to provide a convenient opportunity for attendees to ask questions and have a discussion with local colleagues—helping to inform and provide a local perspective for the presenters when they return to Sacramento to advocate on your behalf," according to Capitol Advisor Group's announcement. The 2½-hour workshops are coming to 19 locations around the state between Jan. 14-27. Seating is limited, so please [register soon](#) to secure your spot.

NSBA's FRN is now the Advocacy Institute

Feb. 2-4 event in D.C. focuses on national education issues

Registration is open for the National School Boards Association's [Advocacy Institute](#) in Washington, D.C., Feb. 2-4. The successor to NSBA's annual Federal Relations Network Conference offers local school board members and education advocates an opportunity to focus on national legislative, legal and public advocacy in support of public education, local school board governance, and equity and excellence in education. Two days of workshops will precede a full day of meetings with officials on Capitol Hill. Visit [CSBA's Advocacy Institute Web page](#) to review the conference agenda and learn how you can register to be part of the California delegation.

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