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## Upcoming Events

**Brown Act & Board Presidents Workshop Combo** | Jan. 24-25 - Sacramento

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

**The Brown Act** | Jan. 24 - Sacramento

**Board Presidents Workshop** | Jan. 25 - Sacramento

**The Brown Act** | Jan. 31 - Garden Grove

**Brown Act & Board President's Workshop Combo** | Jan. 31-Feb. 1 - Garden Grove

**The Brown Act** | Feb. 7 - Fresno

**Institute for New and First Term Board Members** | Feb. 7-8 - Fresno

**The Brown Act** | Feb. 28 - Burbank

**Institute for New and First Term Board Members** | Feb. 28-March 1 - Burbank

**The Brown Act** | March 7 - Burlingame

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## News

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### State Board adopts LCFF rules after hearing from 160 school governance teams

*Emergency regs, LCAP template may be refined before permanent adoption*

After a seven-hour public hearing Jan. 16, the State Board of Education unanimously approved emergency Local Control Funding Formula [regulations and a template](#) for Local Control and Accountability Plans that maintain the balance between local flexibility and accountability sought by CSBA and other public school advocates. More than 160 school governance team members made the trip to Sacramento to comment. CSBA Executive Director & CEO Vernon M. Billy said it was clear that school board members helped convince the State Board to preserve local boards' much-needed flexibility. "Our voices were heard and we made a difference," [Billy wrote](#) in a letter of thanks to CSBA members. [Read the full story](#) of the historic decision, and watch five new videos to help governance teams throughout the LCAP process; links are on [www.csba.org/LCFF](http://www.csba.org/LCFF), where you can also [subscribe to updates](#) to CSBA's [LCFF Toolkit](#).

### State Board also acts on CCSS-aligned instructional materials, other topics

In this [4½-minute video](#) recapping "the quieter of the two days" of the State Board of Education's meeting last week, CSBA Senior Director of Policy and Programs Teri Burns opens with the "positive news" that board President Michael Kirst and members Carl Cohn and Patricia Rucker have been reappointed to new terms on the policymaking body. Burns also reports:

- Despite having Academic Progress Index scores of 799 or higher, 84 local educational agencies had to be [identified for corrective action](#) under federal No Child Left Behind requirements
- English Language Arts/English Language Development [instructional materials](#) aligned with the Common Core State Standards were approved for public review and comment prior to subsequent SBE action
- Regulations for the new [California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress](#), which is replacing the Student



Testing and Reporting program, were approved for review and comment.

The State Board also approved the first [Common Core-aligned mathematics materials](#).

### **Career Pathways grants competition opens**

*Letters of intent due Feb. 14; CDE plans workshops in Fresno, Sacramento and Downey*

Applications are now being accepted for one-time competitive grants from California's \$250 million [California Career Pathways Trust](#), with as much as \$15 million available for larger regional programs, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg announced Tuesday. Steinberg championed the fund "to create innovative programs and partnerships linking rigorous academic standards to career pathways in high-need and high-growth sectors of the economy." School districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and community college districts can apply; letters of intent are requested by Feb. 14, with [applications](#) due March 28. The California Department of Education will host these regional workshops on the application process:

- Fresno County Office of Education: Feb. 5, 9-11 a.m.
- Health and Human Services Auditorium, Sacramento: Feb. 7, 1-3 p.m.
- Los Angeles County Office of Education, Downey: Feb. 12, 9-11 a.m.

Details and more information are in the [announcement](#).

### **Institute for New and First Term Board Members: Coming to a location near you**

*Regional presentations offered around the state Jan. 24-March 15*

CSBA's [Institute for New and First-term Board Members](#) offers invaluable help for newer trustees looking to sharpen their governance skills. Institute dates and locations are:

- Jan. 24-25: Sacramento, Hyatt Regency Sacramento
- Jan. 31-Feb. 1: Garden Grove, Hyatt Regency Orange County
- February 7-8: Fresno, Courtyard by Marriott
- February 28-March 1: Burbank, Courtyard Los Angeles Burbank Airport
- March 7-8: Burlingame, Hilton San Francisco Airport Bayfront
- March 14-15: Redding, Red Lion Hotel

The Institute consists of two daylong sessions running from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Early registration is \$299 (\$309 on site), and superintendents may attend without charge if they accompany members of their boards. In most locations the Institutes will complement other one-day CSBA training opportunities: The Brown Act: What You Need to Know and, for a comprehensive team-building opportunity, the Board Presidents Workshop. [Find out more and register here](#).

### **Tune in for insights on hot legal issues**

*Register for the Feb. 12 webcast covering a fresh perspective on LCFF*

CSBA is excited to bring you the second webcast in its Education Insights: Legal Update series at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, when a panel of attorneys from some of the state's top law firms will offer a

legal perspective on the hottest issues affecting school districts and county offices of education. This webcast will focus on the Local Control Funding Formula, with key insights on the new State Board regulations and preparing your Local Control and Accountability Plans. Experts from the law firms of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo; Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroft; and Lozano Smith will discuss what governance teams need to know about these subjects in an hourlong interactive discussion format that includes the opportunity for questions from viewers. This event is complimentary for CSBA members; however, registration is required. [Register now.](#)

## Events, Training and Opportunities

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### **Come to Oakland March 6-7 for the latest on school-based health services**

*Former CSBA President Wynns is keynote speaker*

The California School-Based Health Alliance, formerly known as the California School Health Centers Association, invites school governance teams to join other public school advocates in Oakland March 6-7 to learn how new federal health reforms can help schools bring vital services to students they serve. The alliance's 2014 conference, [Advancing School Health in a Time of Reform](#), features a packed schedule of workshops, networking opportunities, resources and exhibits. San Francisco School Board member and former CSBA President Jill Wynns and public health physician Rishi Manchanda are conference keynote speakers. Early bird registration rates are \$135 for Alliance members and \$180 for non-members; after Jan. 31, rates rise to \$175 for members and \$225 for non-members. Those who [register](#) for the daylong March 7 conference can also participate in pre-conference workshops March 6, from 2-5 p.m. for an additional \$50. [Click here](#) to reserve housing at a discounted \$139 conference rate.

### **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.

### **CSBA Board of Directors meets Jan. 25-26**

The Board of Directors of the California School Boards Association will hold a [regular meeting](#) on Saturday, Jan. 25, (10 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) and Sunday, Jan. 26 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Saturday's meeting will be held

in CSBA's first floor conference room, 3251 Beacon Blvd. in West Sacramento, and Sunday's at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento, 1209 L St. You may download a copy of the [agenda here](#). If you have any questions about the meeting, please [contact Dollye Breshears](#) at 916-371-4691.

### **Feb. 6 webinar ties reducing chronic absence to LCFF**

*Leveraging Attendance for Equitable Outcomes: Tools for the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) in California*

California's new Local Control Funding Formula for K-12 education will require every school district to establish annual goals and specific actions to reduce chronic absence—defined, as anyone knows who has heard [Attendance Works](#) Director Hedy Chang at CSBA's Annual Education Conference or elsewhere, as missing 10 percent or more of school days. Now a 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m. webinar Feb. 6 will help:

- Determine whether chronic absence is a hidden problem in participants' schools or districts
- Identify which schools and subgroups of students require interventions to improve attendance
- Provide guidance on effective steps that can improve attendance
- Prepare goals and activities to meet the requirements of LCFF's Local Control and Accountability Plans

Joining Chang in the presentation will be Cecelia Leong, Attendance Works' associate director; Brad Strong, senior director of Education Policy for Children Now; and Michael Lombardo, director of Interagency Facilitation at the Placer County Office of Education. [Register here](#).

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