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Upcoming Events

2014 The Brown Act | Jan 31 -
Garden Grove

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

**2014 Institute for New and First
Term Board Members** | Jan 31 -
Garden Grove

**MIG Course 1:
Foundations/Setting Direction** |
Jan 31 - Garden Grove

**MIG Course 4: Collective
Bargaining/Human Resources** |
Jan 31 - Garden Grove

MIG Course 3: School Finance |
Feb 1 - Garden Grove

**MIG Course 5: Community
Relations/Governance Integration**
| Feb 1 - Garden Grove

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LCFF toolkit: 5 new video tutorials, LCAP template and regs

If you've already subscribed to receive updates about LCFF you've probably already seen the five new video tutorials—we're calling them webisodes—on [CSBA's LCFF Toolkit](#). (See Inform > Tools & Resources for links to all five.) Presented by members of our LCFF "Dream Team," the webisodes cover how the Local Control Funding Formula works, governance basics, developing a Local Control and Accountability Plan, and accountability under the new funding formula. Also new on the toolkit is the LCAP template and emergency LCFF regulations adopted by the State Board of Education Jan. 16, along with a report on the benefits of incorporating civic learning in an LCAP. [Subscribe to receive email updates](#) when new items are added to the LCFF Toolkit, as well as other related news on LCFF, such as our [new page following State Board actions](#).

Plans gearing up for Summer Food Service Program

Funding available; mandatory CDE trainings begin soon

Do at least half of your students qualify for free or reduced-price school meals? Plan now to help them through the [Summer Food Service Program](#). This federally funded program reimburses sponsors for administrative and operational costs of providing meals to children during the summer break—or whenever school is out of session for 15 continuous school days. [California Department of Education training](#) is required to participate, and CDE is offering both online webinars and in-person workshops to qualify. Options include daylong trainings in Sacramento Feb. 21, San Bernardino March 4, Glendale April 8, Long Beach April 10, and Oakland April 23; or two-part webinars—one Feb. 4-5, the other March 18-19—with each from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The CSBA policy brief ["Providing Access to Nutritious Meals During Summer"](#) has more information on the Summer Food Service Program, and our Web page on [Student Physical Health and Wellness](#) has more on the link between good nutrition and academic achievement, as well as on the role of school leadership in promoting student wellness. For more information on running a successful summer program, visit the [California Summer Meal Coalition](#).

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Events, Training and Opportunities

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Get practical takeaways and implementable tips on LCFF

CSBA's Education Insights: Legal Update webcast returns Feb. 12

Join us at 10 a.m. on Feb. 12 as we switch gears from a macro overview to a more in-depth look at what your board should be doing right now to prepare its Local Control and Accountability Plan under the state's new Local Control Funding Formula for K-12 schools. The second webcast in the [Education Insights: Legal Update](#) series will feature Chet Quaide, of the law firm of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo; Tom Gauthier, of Lozano Smith; and Namita Brown, of Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost. They will be joined by CSBA General Counsel Keith S. Bray and Senior Policy and Programs Director Teri

Burns as they carry on an hourlong interactive discussion that includes the opportunity for questions from viewers. When asked about the highlights of last October's Legal Update webcast, one viewer offered, "The clear concise information and the practical application we board members can use while making decisions." This event is complimentary for CSBA members; however, registration is required. [Register now](#).

Get the latest on the Common Core Standards

County superintendents, PACE offer free leadership training

The California County Superintendents Educational Services Association and Policy Analysis for California Education are offering [six free leadership sessions](#) that will introduce strategies, tools and resources to help school districts prepare for new Common Core State Standards. The half-day sessions will be hosted by county offices of education in Sacramento, Santa Clara, San Diego, Fresno, San Bernardino and Los Angeles in February and March. [Registration is open](#) now for the first leadership session, Feb. 3 in Sacramento. The sessions are free, but you must [create an account](#) to sign up.

Forecast Webcast is now available online

There's still time to catch AEC 2013 highlights

The archived edition of [CSBA's 2014 Forecast Webcast](#)—which previews the economic climate, budget issues, and state and federal legislative developments likely to impact public education in the coming year—is now available on the CSBA website. The webcast is indexed with timestamps to help you identify issues of special interest to your governance team. Also available for viewing through Sunday, Feb. 2 are General Session keynote presentations from CSBA's recent Annual Education Conference and Trade Show, including appearances by gaming expert Jane McGonigal and educational professor Yong Zhao as well as the always popular State of the State session moderated by CSBA Executive Director & CEO Vernon M. Billy. 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.

New guidance to support children in foster care

Partial credit policy is tool for LCFF success

[The Alliance for Children's Rights](#) has released a comprehensive handbook to help schools recognize academic work completed by foster children who change schools midway through the school year. [California's Partial Credit Model Policy: Improving the Educational Outcomes of Foster Youth](#) was produced as part of a [collaborative overhaul](#) of existing policy to ensure that foster students whose schooling is interrupted by frequent moves are able to receive credit for academic work. A work group organized by the Alliance—which included [CSBA](#), the California Department of Education and a long list of other children's advocates—spent months developing the partial credit policy language that was adopted by the Child Welfare Council last fall. The handbook is of special interest to educators who must adopt effective services to better support children in foster care as part of their [Local Control Accountability Plans](#) under the Local Control Funding Formula.

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](#).

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Partnering4SpecialEd is a dynamic service from SI&A that offers school districts an ongoing, collaborative partnership. Working with district staff, SI&A looks at all aspects of the special education program: from public school placements to transportation; designated instructional services (such as speech, occupational therapy and counseling) to categorical funding; and performance measures to working with community agencies. SI&A helps districts discover—and recover—revenues by suggesting customized strategies to make special education complement the overall instructional program, and working with the district to translate recommendations into practice. Learn more about the program at [CSBA's website](#) or at [SI&A](#).

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