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Upcoming Events

Board Member Action Day
 May 9 - Statewide

2014 Delegate Assembly May Meeting
 May 17 - Sacramento

Agenda Online Demonstration
 May 8 - Online
 May 14 - Online
 May 16 - Online
 May 20 - Online

Summer Learning and Wellness Webinar
 May 20 - Online

2014 Back-to-School Webcast
 Sept. 18 - Online

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction
 Sept. 19 - San Jose

MIG Course 3: School Finance
 Sept. 19 - San Jose

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Legal Update Webcast: Hear state's top law firms discuss Vergara case May 28

Teacher tenure, layoff, discipline, evaluation among topics

Tune in on May 28 from 10-11:30 a.m. to hear attorneys from some of the state's top law firms offer legal perspectives on the hottest issues affecting school districts and county offices of education. The third installment of the **Education Insights: Legal Update webcast** series features presenters from our five premier Business Affiliate law firms: Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo; Dannis Woliver Kelley; Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, LLP; Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard; and Lozano Smith. Moderated by Keith Bray of CSBA, the panel will discuss tenure, layoff and dismissal:

- Vergara v. State of California case (a lawsuit filed by nine California public school students and Students Matter challenging the laws involving teacher tenure, layoff and dismissal)
- San Jose Unified School District's waiver request to the State Board of Education to shorten or lengthen the certificated probationary period to enable a shorter or longer teacher evaluation process

Viewers will be able to ask questions throughout the live broadcast. Don't miss out. [Register today!](#)

CSBA Board of Directors, Delegate Assembly meetings

Board meets Friday, May 16; Delegates Saturday-Sunday, May 17-18

The Board of Directors of the California School Boards Association will hold a regular meeting on May 16, and the Delegate Assembly will hold a regular meeting on Saturday, May 17, and Sunday, May 18 in Sacramento. You may download a copy of the [Board of Directors agenda](#) here and you may download a copy of the [Delegate Assembly agenda](#) here. Please contact [Dollye Breshears](#) with any

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questions at 916-371-4691.

60th anniversary of Brown v. Board marked by state Legislature

CSBA is sponsoring ACR 140, set for May 15 vote

The 60th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* coincides with the first day of CSBA's Delegate Assembly meeting on May 17. The landmark 1954 decision struck down the "separate but equal" doctrine in American public schools. Thurgood Marshall, lead attorney for the plaintiffs and later the nation's first African-American Supreme Court justice, successfully argued that separate school systems for blacks and whites were inherently unequal and thus violated the "equal protection clause" of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. CSBA is sponsoring a resolution in the state Assembly marking the anniversary; the Legislature will vote on [ACR 140](#) on May 15. Read more about the anniversary in the [May issue](#) of *California School News*.

2 new guides discuss LCFF budgeting, county LCAP approval process

Resources from CCSESA, PACE available online

A new 47-page manual on the process for county review of district LCAPs is now available from the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association. The 2014-15 edition of the Local Control and Accountability Plan [Approval Manual](#) covers the role of the county superintendent, guidelines for communicating with districts, checklists and the best thinking on collaboration strategies as the review process unfolds. See also a new report from [Policy Analysis for California Education](#) about LCFF investments in the [LCFF Toolkit](#) under the Adopt, Tools & Resources tab.

Events, Training and Opportunities

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Summer learning and wellness webinar May 20

Learn how programs help close achievement gaps

Why do summer learning and wellness programs matter? These programs can help ease the effects of "summer learning loss," the phenomenon that occurs when students aren't participating in engaging and educational activities during their time away from school. In this webinar, you will discover how summer learning and student health and wellness programs can directly and positively affect the achievement gap. Plus, you'll learn to:

- Recognize summer learning as a research-based approach to addressing the achievement gap
- Identify different funding streams for summer programming, including LCFF
- Identify how to incorporate health and wellness into summer planning

The webinar is Tuesday, May 20, from 2-3 p.m. The event is free, but [register here today](#).

Online Abuse Prevention Center offers training, resources for schools

Keenan website covers mandatory reporting, training requirements

A [new web resource center](#) is available to help governance teams grapple with the issue of physical and sexual abuse in schools. One Congressional report estimated that as many as 4.5 million students nationwide in grades K-12 are subject to sexual misconduct and physical or verbal abuse. To help children thrive and learn in an environment free from the fear of physical and sexual abuse, Keenan & Associates—one of CSBA's Business Affiliates—has launched an online resource center with tools and training courses to help California school districts and county offices of education achieve their goal of providing a safe environment. You'll also find a link to the site from CSBA's [School Safety page](#).

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Conditions of Children: 2 new fact sheets on bullying, discipline alternatives

Thanks to social media and new technologies, the world is now more connected than ever. Unfortunately, some tech-savvy students also use these new platforms to harass or intimidate peers or school staff. A new fact sheet, "Recent Legislation on Cyberbullying: AB 256," spotlights recent legislation and research on cyberbullying, with key discussion points for board members and superintendents. A related fact sheet, "The Case for Reducing Out-of-School Suspensions and Expulsions," reviews what's been learned about student discipline and provides questions and resources for governance teams to consider as they set local policy. See both fact sheets under Conditions of Children on the [Governance Briefs page](#).

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Browse courses and register now for fall

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the complexities of school board governance? From balancing budgets to building a positive collective bargaining climate, there's a lot to know. CSBA's Masters in Governance program has equipped over 2,000 board members and superintendents with the knowledge and skills to build and support an effective governance structure. Ninety percent of graduates strongly recommend the program for governance teams. What's more, the new flexible course offerings coupled with an integrated learning format means you can complete the program at your own pace. Fall courses are being offered in San Diego and San Jose. Explore the program and [register today](#).

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