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Upcoming Events

Agenda Online Demonstration

June 26 - Online
June 27 - Online
July 2 - Online
July 3 - Online

CCBE Fall Conference

Sept. 12-14 - Monterey

Back to School Webcast

Sept. 18 - Online

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Sept. 19 - San Jose
Sept. 26 - San Diego

MIG Course 2: Student Learning/Policy

Sept. 20 - San Jose
Sept. 27 - San Diego

MIG Course 3: School Finance

Sept. 19 - San Jose
Sept. 27 - San Diego

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining

Sept. 20 - San Jose
Sept. 26 - San Diego

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Gov. Integration

Sept. 19 - San Jose
Sept. 26 - San Diego

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Governor signs budget with additional funds for districts

Troubling trailer bill language would cap local reserves

Governor Jerry Brown signed the [2014-15 budget](#) and most of the budget trailer bills on Friday, June 20 in San Diego. Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, and Senate Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, joined the governor at the signing ceremony. The budget contains some good news for districts, including \$4.8 billion for the Local Control Funding Formula (this is \$250 million higher than the Governor proposed), and \$400.5 million for payments of the backlog of K-12 mandate claims, which can be used for CCSS implementation. There were also some late-in-the-process changes, among which is the troubling last minute trailer bill language to cap local reserves. Before the bills were signed, [CSBA called upon the governor](#) to either veto the bill ([Senate Bill 858](#)) containing the language or to ask the Legislature to clean it up before the end of this year's legislative session. The governor signaled that he was aware of the issues being raised by CSBA and other management groups, but that he would not entertain proposals to change it until after the November election.

Call to attend July 10 State Board of Education meeting

LCFF permanent regulations to be discussed

Emergency Local Control Funding Formula spending regulations were passed in January 2014. Now the State Board of Education is due to consider and take action on the permanent regulations. CSBA and ACSA are asking board members and superintendents to attend the SBE meeting on Thursday, July 10 at 8:30 a.m. to urge SBE members not to alter the core principles of the LCFF regulations. More than 200 school administrators and board members came together at the January SBE meeting to present their stories of LCFF implementation, which helped produce a positive outcome—regulations that prioritize the statewide commitment to equity for students with greater challenges, while also ensuring flexibility for local communities to tailor programs that advance student achievement. CSBA and ACSA ask that you testify again—or for the first time—before the SBE. There is

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likely to be vocal opposition to the regulations in their current form, which means it is all the more critical that SBE members hear from practitioners in the field and governing board members about the good work being done. We ask that you attend the July 10 SBE meeting in teams to tell more of your LCFF stories—how local communities and stakeholders have been engaged in developing Local Control and Accountability Plans. Please RSVP to CSBA Legislative Specialist Suzy Costa at scosta@csba.org or 916-669-2552 no later than Monday, June 30. We will provide detailed logistical and policy information closer to the meeting date. Thank you for your leadership role in California's public education system.

New School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities program effective July 1

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) announced the decision to proceed with the implementation of the revised School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) plan effective July 1, 2014. The SMAA program helps to ensure that children are enrolled in the Medi-Cal program and able to access health services through their schools. The federal Medicaid program, operated under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), reimburses 50 percent of SMAA program costs. Following its audit of the program, CMS deferred school district and COE claims for reimbursement totaling more than \$360 million. CSBA will continue to follow up with Secretary Diana S. Dooley for updates on past claims. Despite concerns raised by education stakeholders, DHCS submitted the [draft SMAA plan](#) to CMS. It awaits final approval. Additional information can be found on the DHCS's [SMAA Web page](#). CSBA advises districts to work closely with their SMAA coordinators throughout the implementation process. CSBA will continue to provide updates on this program until all unresolved issues are addressed. If you have any questions, please contact Vina Guzman, CSBA's Director of District & Financial Services, at vguzman@csba.org.

Events, Training and Opportunities

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Discussion of Common Core implementation in free conference June 27

Register today to reserve your seat, or view the live webcast

A conference in Sacramento this Friday provides a free lunch—and a great opportunity for education leaders to review the current state of implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). "Implementing the Common Core in California: Reports from the Field," organized by Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE), will feature presentations by representatives from the California Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the California Teachers Association, and administrators and leaders from school districts and county offices of education. The presentations will address two main questions: How are local educators managing the challenge of Common Core implementation in association with the Local Control Funding Formula and development of the related Local Control and Accountability Plans? And is Common Core implementation on track to deliver the improved instruction and deeper

learning that were promised when the standards were adopted? Preliminary research findings on CCSS implementation from studies by PACE, Education Trust-West and other organizations will also be presented. The free conference will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Department of General Services Auditorium. [View the agenda](#) and [register to reserve your seat](#). If you are unable to attend the event, you can view it via live webcast.

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