

California School News Weekly Update  
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weekly update



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## Upcoming Events

### MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Feb. 6 - Burlingame  
 Feb. 21 - Rancho Cucamonga  
 Mar. 13 - San Diego

### MIG Course 2: Student Learning/Policy

Feb. 7 - Burlingame  
 March 14 - San Diego  
 March 21 - San Bernardino

### MIG Course 3: School Finance

Feb. 6 - Burlingame  
 March 13 - San Diego  
 April 18 - Rancho Cucamonga

### MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining

Feb. 7 - Burlingame  
 March 14 - San Diego

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

Feb. 7 - Burlingame  
 March 14 - San Diego

### Education Insights: Legal Update Webcast

Episode 2: Nov. 12 - Online  
 (rescheduled from Oct. 22)

### CSBA Annual Education Conference and Trade Show

Dec. 14-16 - San Francisco

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### California faces population challenge

*New estimates show retirees will outnumber children*

Newly available population estimates from [kidsdata.org](http://kidsdata.org) show that Latino/Hispanic children have comprised an increasingly greater proportion of all children in California each year since 1995. At the same time, the proportions of white and African-American children have declined. The estimates found that 52 percent of California children are Latino (up from 41 percent in 1995) and 27 percent are white (down from 40 percent in 1995). Among other groups, 11 percent of California children are Asian-American, 5 percent are African-American, almost 5 percent are multiracial, and less than 1 percent are American Indian/Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. The kidsdata.org information can be broken down by county, age, ethnicity, school district and legislative district. Overall, California's estimated child population has declined in the last decade, from 9.5 to 9.1 million children. This drop in the number of children in the state combined with a growing number of retirees poses tough challenges. The increasing imbalance between the two groups adds to the economic burden on children, especially those born in the near future, a 2013 study from the [Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health](#), says.

### CSBA examines the financial challenges of 2014 and beyond

*California Schools cover story looks at anticipated changes in legislative priorities, budget negotiations*

In the new issue of CSBA's quarterly California Schools magazine, CSBA's governmental relations experts Dennis Meyers and Andrea Ball breakdown what to expect in the next fiscal year. [Read Turning Point](#) to learn more about CSBA's 2015-16 budget advocacy priorities and other key education issues, including LCFF, special education, adult education, Proposition 98 and regional occupational centers/programs. The article also includes a [side bar](#) that addresses the impact of the California drought on state and school facilities operations.



## **New CDE website to help with Common Core** *Online Digital Chalkboard provides teachers with resources*

The California Department of Education has launched **Digital Chalkboard** to help teachers with implementation of the Common Core State Standards. The website provides teachers with a virtual way to collaborate and share best practices, receive training and find resources. The portal now has more than 400,000 online tools, including training modules and videos, model lesson plans, and researched-based data. Digital Chalkboard also assists teachers of English learners and foster children. Going forward, the site aims to meet the changing needs of educators as new information on teaching and learning becomes available. Digital Chalkboard is a part of CDE's Education Technology Task Force's report, **Empowering Learning**, which is a blueprint for education technology.

## **Revised site for CAASPP** *New look includes information by category*

The California Department of Education has launched a revised **California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress** website. CDE redesigned the site to provide detailed information for specific audiences. The website provides easily accessible information through tabs labeled "CAASPP Info," "Coordinators, Admins, & Teachers," "Technology," "Students & Parents," and "Contact Info."

## **Events, Training and Opportunities**



## **Education Insights: Legal Update Webcast** *Register now for next month's lunchtime webcast*

CSBA's Legal Update webcast on the Brown Act and Open Meeting Laws takes place Wednesday, Nov. 12, from noon to 1 p.m. Business Affiliate panelists will include Kevin Dale of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo and Michelle Cannon of Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard. This webcast is scheduled for viewing during the lunch hour so tune in from your home or office for a one-hour discussion on today's hottest issues in education law. Visit the **CSBA website** to learn more or to register.

## **Call for nominations for elected members of the Delegate Assembly** *Delegates represent state-wide school districts and county offices of education*

CSBA's Delegate Assembly is a vital link in the association's governance structure. Working with local districts, county offices, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Delegates ensure that the association reflects the interests of school districts and county offices of education throughout the state. Any CSBA member board is eligible to nominate board members within their geographical region or sub-region. Each board may nominate as many individuals as it chooses. In addition to the nomination, nominees must complete and submit a one-page, single-sided, candidate biographical sketch form. An optional one-page, one-sided résumé may also be submitted (résumé cannot be substituted for the candidate biographical sketch

form). All materials must be postmarked by the USPS no later than Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015. Nomination forms and information are available on the [CSBA website](#). For more information or if you have questions, contact [Charlyn Tuter](#) in the Leadership Services department at 800-266-3382.

### **Awards for school board best practices** ***Up to \$5,000 available for boards***

Applications are due by Oct. 31 for the 2015 Magna Awards. Co-sponsored by the American School Board Journal and Sodexo, the Magna Awards places a national spotlight on school board best practices and innovative programs that further student success. Candidates for the awards are independently judged in three categories: under 5,000 enrollment, 5,000-20,000 enrollment and over 20,000 enrollment. In each category a grand prize winner and honorable mention winner will be chosen. Grand prize winners receive a \$5,000 contribution from Sodexo. American School Board Journal will also recognize all recipients in a special section in the journal. Additionally, all recipients will be honored at the Best Practices for School Leaders Luncheon during the NSBA Annual Conference. For more information on how to nominate a program, submission deadline, and Magna Awards FAQ, visit the [ASBJ website](#).

### **Top student volunteers sought for community awards program** ***Student applications due by Nov. 4***

Now in its 20th year, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, with support from NSBA and other youth and educational organizations, is seeking young people who have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service over the past 12 months. The program honors students in grades 5-12 at the local, state and national level. State honorees — one top middle school and high school student from each state and the District of Columbia — receive \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington D.C. in May. Ten of the 102 state honorees are named America's top youth volunteers of the year and receive awards of \$5,000, plus \$5,000 grants for the nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice. Student applications are completed online and are due by Nov. 5. Find application and eligibility details on the [awards program website](#).

### **November conference for student education advocates** ***Participants can propose bill to State Board of Education***

The California Association of Student Councils' Student Advisory Board on Education meeting takes place in Sacramento from Nov. 11-14. The conference allows students to directly propose bills to the State Board of Education. Students are selected from around the state of California to represent their districts and to speak on behalf of their geographic location in a statewide discussion on education reform. Students are also responsible for creating a report card on their education and making presentations to the SBE directly. In the past, delegates have helped pass Senate Bill 1422, which allows students to review the work of their teachers. To learn more and for registration information visit the [CASC website](#).

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