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Board Presidents Workshop
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County Board Governance Workshop
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MIG Course 3: School Finance
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 REALIZE THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP.

Register Now for CSBA's Legislative Action Day on Tuesday, March 10

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 10 and meet us in Sacramento along with hundreds of board members from across the state as we make our voices heard. Our state assembly members and senators need to hear from you about the harmful impact of the budget reserve cap on your district and why it must be repealed. The need for adequate funding must also be communicated, along with pushing for a school facilities bond and increased funding to support CCSS implementation. There is much work to be done and we cannot do it without you. A pre-event webinar later this month will provide an outline of the key issues along with helpful tips on conducting successful meetings. [Register today for Legislative Action Day!](#) For more information about the event, including FAQ, [visit the Legislative Action Day Web page](#).

Make your voice heard: complete the iCount member census online

We're still counting — because every CSBA member counts

Thanks to the nearly 1,700 school board members who completed the iCount census at CSBA's Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in San Francisco, iCount is off to a great start! This impressive response — from more than 80 percent of board members who attended AEC — combined with the completed online forms we've received to date, means that we have counted more than 35 percent of our total membership. We still have a ways to go, as every CSBA member counts, so please make sure you participate. If you were unable to attend the conference, or did not have an opportunity to complete the census form while you were there, please take five minutes to [complete an online version](#) and make your voice heard. As a reminder, the census information we gather will help CSBA gain a deeper understanding of our members and better identify members who can contribute more directly to CSBA's advocacy and policy development efforts. Let's keep the iCount momentum going in 2015 — because you count!

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

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Tune in to CSBA's Form 700 Webcast on Feb. 25 **File your Form 700 by April 1**

The clock is ticking toward the annual filing deadline of April 1, so grab your lunch and join our panel of experts as they guide you through the complexities of completing the Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interest) during this one-hour webcast. Get answers to common questions about the form's five schedules (A-E); learn when, where and how to report gifts to the Fair Political Practices Commission in order to avoid FPPC fines; and identify and clarify other issues and concerns. Panelists include moderator and CSBA General Counsel Keith Bray and legal experts from the law firms of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo; Dannis Woliver Kelley; and Lozano Smith. The webcast will air on Wednesday, Feb. 25, from noon to 1 p.m. [Register on CSBA's website](#) to watch from your desk, home or district or county office.

January newsletter covers AEC, Delegate Assembly, Governor's budget **2014 Year in Review now available online**

The [January 2015 newsletter](#) and [2014 Year in Review](#) are in the mail to CSBA members and are now available online. The newsletter provides coverage of the 2014 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show, including General Session highlights, the Golden Bell Awards and the Outstanding Legislator Award. Also covered are Gov. Brown's January budget proposal, CSBA's latest efforts to repeal the local reserves cap, December's Delegate Assembly meeting in San Francisco, DA election results and CSBA's Legal Update webcast on the Brown Act and open meeting laws. The 2014 Year in Review includes a message from CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy and a summary of CSBA's accomplishments in the areas of legislative advocacy, legal advocacy through the Education Legal Alliance, policy, member services and training and education.

New CSBA blog post urges schools to host health care enrollment events, trainings **ALL IN Campaign aims to get more families covered with a health plan**

The Feb. 15 enrollment deadline for affordable health care coverage through Covered California is fast approaching! School leaders and educators are highly encouraged to send bookmarks, fliers and more home with students to remind families about signing up for affordable health care coverage. ALL IN For Health, a project of the Children's Partnership, makes it easy by providing a notice you can post at your schools in both [English and Spanish](#). Toolkits and additional resources are also available at the [ALL IN website](#). CSBA supports this work because we understand that healthy students make better learners. For more information about the benefits of working together to make California's families more informed about health care coverage through Covered California, [read the new CSBA blog post written by Teri Burns](#), Healthy Kids Make Better Learners: California Schools are Connecting Families to Health Coverage. Teri is CSBA's senior director of Policy & Programs.

Requiring parent service hours illegal under Educational Code **CDE issues advisory to superintendents, charter school administrators**

In a new advisory, the California Department of Education addresses parent service hours and pupil fees. The CDE cites the California Education Code, Section 49011 (b)(4), which “bars school districts and schools from requiring ‘volunteer hours’ or payment of a fee in lieu of performing volunteer hours as a condition of admission, enrollment, continued enrollment, sibling preference, attendance, participation in educational activities or receipt of credit or privileges related to educational activities.” In addition, “a fee waiver policy shall not make a fee permissible. (EC Section 49011(c))” Districts or schools *are* permitted to *request* that parents volunteer a specific number of hours per school year, and to identify the benefits to the school district or school as a result of these truly volunteer services. This advisory serves as a reminder for districts that are in the process of renewing their charter school petitions. [Read the advisory.](#)

Events, Training and Opportunities

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Advancing Equity in Education & Health Care *Register to attend statewide school health conference*

Leaders in education understand the important role that health plays in improving students' academic equity. The California School-Based Health Alliance invites you to join hundreds of health care providers, educators and children's health supporters for [Advancing Equity in Education & Health Care](#). The conference, which will be held at the Bahia Resort Hotel in San Diego on May 1 (with pre-conference workshops and a welcome reception on April 30), will feature workshops on increasing health and education equity for children. Attendees will have an opportunity to network with other educators and children's advocates, hear a keynote address by California Assembly Member Shirley Weber, view exhibits and gather resources to advance our collective mission to give all kids an opportunity to succeed. To receive a discounted rate, [register to attend](#) by Feb. 27. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information, including a preliminary conference schedule, workshop titles and hotel booking options.

Training to focus on community schools strategies *Two-day institute to take place in Los Angeles*

The California Community Schools Institute is holding a two-day intensive training on strategies for organizing resources for student success Feb. 26-27 in Southern California. Organized by the National Center for Community Schools and the Los Angeles Education Partnership (LAEP), institute workshops are intended for practitioners and policymakers. Using community schools strategies, the training will focus on the whole student and creating stronger families and communities. In community schools, school sites are used as hubs to improve conditions for student learning, parent engagement and community partnerships. The first day of learning will take place at the Radisson Hotel Los Angeles Midtown at USC and the second day will feature learning labs at two Los Angeles area schools. Attendees will choose one site to visit and attend. The registration fee for both days is \$85. For one-day-only registration, the cost is \$55. Food and materials are included. [To register or for additional information](#), visit LAEP's website.

Public Member vacancy on Committee of Credentials

Position investigates misconduct

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing has one Public Member vacancy on the Committee of Credentials. By statute, the committee is responsible for initiating all investigations into allegations of misconduct by credential holders and applicants. To serve in the Public Member position on the COC, applicants may not have been employed in either a certificated public school position and/or have been a member of any governing board of a school district or county board of education within the five years prior to the date of appointment. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 29, 2015. [Visit the CTC website](#) for additional information and a copy of the application.

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Qualified Zone Academy Bond program for schools

Interest-free financing available for qualifying projects

CSBA offers the only 100-percent turnkey Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) program in California. QZAB program bonds allow schools to borrow funds for school rehabilitation and renovation projects and receive a return on investment as a credit against federal tax liability. With help from the nation's leading QZAB firm, McLiney and Company, CSBA provides everything schools need during the application process, including full assistance in handling all federal and state requirements. If your bond is funded, you may qualify for a zero-percent interest rate, and there is no cost to you unless your QZAB is approved and funded. QZAB is a temporary program, requiring reauthorization by the federal government. The federal government has renewed the program for 2014-15, but California will only receive approximately \$49 million this year (compared to the \$200 million made available in 2013-14). It is expected to go fast, so don't wait long to apply! For more information, [visit us online](#) or contact [Maria Thomas](#) at 800-266-3382, ext. 3304.

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