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California schoolnews Weekly Update

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Check your inbox for a CSBA eblast this afternoon following the Governor's press conference, where he is expected to announce portions of K-12 funding in the May Budget Revision.

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COVID-19 update: Governor reveals key pieces of economic recovery plan leading up to May Budget Revision



Gov. Gavin Newsom on May 10 announced an **unprecedented state surplus of \$75.7 billion** and outlined the first elements of his **"California Comeback Plan," a \$100 billion economy recovery package** that includes a proposal to give \$11.9 billion in direct stimulus payments to Californians in households earning up to \$75,000 per year in adjusted gross income.

The direct stimulus payments would expand to the middle class a previous program distributing \$600 checks to qualifying low-income residents. The Governor said that two-thirds of Californians would receive a check of at least \$600, and families with children and undocumented families would receive an additional \$500. On May 11, the Governor announced **\$12 billion in aid for the state's homeless crisis**.

In other COVID-19 developments:

- The California Department of Public Health on May 3 issued its COVID-19 **Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People**, which states that **fully vaccinated individuals who have had a COVID-19 exposure do not need to quarantine if they are asymptomatic**. Thus, per [Executive Order N-84-20](#), such individuals no longer need to be excluded under the COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards. [Learn more »](#)
- California's K-12 practitioners came together on May 5 for a daylong virtual event, "A Whole Child Approach to the AB86 ELO Grant," **focused on how Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant funds, available through Assembly Bill 86, can**

be used to support student learning recovery and well-being. Keynote speaker State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond acknowledged that one-time money is not always looked upon favorably, however, this is a critical moment where it is needed. **“We have a chance to begin to build back better,”** he said. **“We have an opportunity to design now, out of necessity, programs that will address whole child needs.”** [Learn more and access event recordings »](#)

- The **Federal Communications Commission announced that enrollment in the Emergency Broadband Benefit program will begin on May 12, 2021.** Program participants **receive a monthly discount off the cost of broadband service from an approved provider** and a one-time device subsidy. Households with a child who has received approval for free or reduced-price meals during the 2019–2020 and 2020–21 school years are now eligible. **School district and county office trustees can help get the word out in their communities.** [Learn more »](#)

Register for CSBA's May Budget Revision webinar



Later this week, Gov. Gavin Newsom will unveil the May Budget Revision and CSBA will be here to break it down for local educational agencies.

Join CSBA experts and state and local voices in analyzing the May Budget Revision, its implications for schools and CSBA's response in a 90-minute webinar **on**

Friday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. [Register now »](#)

AB 1316 would make sweeping changes to charter school oversight requirements



Introduced in February 2021, **Assembly Bill 1316 provides for sweeping changes to the Education Code including provisions aimed at reducing the opportunity for fraud in charter schools, particularly nonclassroom-based charter schools.** Driven, at least in part, by a 2020 criminal indictment of charter school operators and employees for misappropriation of public funds, AB 1316

creates numerous new oversight responsibilities for the State Board of Education, the state superintendent of public instruction, charter school auditors and, **most importantly to CSBA members, local educational agencies that are chartering authorities.**

This bill would **require LEAs to annually certify to the county superintendent of schools and the state superintendent the financial health and viability of charter schools.** The bill also **makes changes to independent study law to increase rigor and accountability in independent study programs by both charter schools and LEAs.** And finally, the bill would require, beginning in the 2022–23 school year, that LEAs and charter schools obtain permission from the State Board to operate a multitrack year-round schedule. CSBA is monitoring the progress of the bill and will continue to update members. [Learn more on the CSBA blog »](#)

Legislative update: Budget season is here



Gov. Gavin Newsom is expected to release his **May Budget Revision later this week detailing his plans for the state's \$75.7 billion surplus.** The revised plan will kick off budget season in Sacramento, with the Senate and Assembly holding hearings throughout May and June in advance of the budget deadline on June 15.

The Senate is currently considering major legislation on school nutrition, **Senate Bill 364** (Skinner, D-Berkeley). SB 364 would **require local educational agencies to provide two free school meals each school day, regardless of eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.** The bill would also:

- Require the California Department of Education to:
 - Reimburse LEAs for all non-reimbursed expenses accrued in providing United States Department of Agriculture reimbursable meals
 - Administer a noncompetitive grant to LEAs to cover the costs of purchasing California-grown food
 - Award competitive grants of up to \$30,000 per school site every year to increase the number of meals that can be prepared fresh and served to pupils
- Establish the Better Out of School Time (BOOST) Nutrition EBT Program to prevent child hunger during school breaks and closures

Hunger and school nutrition are pressing issues for California's students. While CSBA is supportive of the goals of SB 364, it has taken an **oppose unless amended** position on the bill. **Although the bill requires LEAs be reimbursed, it does not identify or provide the funds needed for reimbursement. Without additional funding for the expansions it proposes, this bill would exacerbate the substantial and compounding unpaid meal debt LEAs already face.** Should the Legislature choose to further recognize this area of great need, CSBA is requesting further amendments to fully compensate LEAs for those shared priorities.

SB 364 was passed by the Senate Human Services committee on April 7 and is now in the Senate Appropriations committee.

Cindy Marten confirmed as Deputy Secretary



Cynthia "Cindy" Marten was **confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Deputy Secretary on May 11, 2021**. Before joining the U.S. Department of Education, Marten **served as the superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District** since 2013. As superintendent, she directed implementation of the district's Vision 2020 commitment to a meaningful graduation for all students, with the

district achieving the highest graduation rate among big city districts in California and the fastest reading growth of large urban districts nationwide, in 2019.

In addition to her emphasis on academics, Marten has been a champion for health and wellness, putting in place an award-winning wellness policy for staff and students. Under her leadership, San Diego Unified received Gold Recognition in the American Heart Association's Workplace Health Achievement Index for efforts to support employee wellness, and multiple San Diego Unified schools received "America's Healthiest Schools" award from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. [Learn more »](#)

Register now for CSBA's summer and fall training opportunities



Due to popular demand, **CSBA has added summer and fall courses for Masters in Governance and Masters in Governance for COEs** to the training calendar. These courses are specifically designed to **support board members and superintendents in both district and county offices of education in building strong governance teams.** [Learn more and register today »](#)

Results of 2021 CSBA Delegate Assembly run-off elections available



The results from CSBA's recently concluded Delegate Assembly run-off elections are now available. As CSBA's primary policymaking body, the Delegate Assembly is the key link in the association's governance structure. It is made up of approximately 270 local school board

members who are elected or appointed in 21 geographic regions throughout the state. [See the results »](#)

SI&A's Good Governance Behavior Alert



As classrooms reopen, health experts expect an increased need for emotional and behavioral supports. Teachers play an important role in identifying triggers and implementing de-escalation and behavior interventions. The Education Code known as “Notification to Teachers” **requires districts notify teachers of students’ disciplinary history. Equipping teachers with this**

information is vital to delivering effective SEL strategies. SI&A's Good Governance Behavior Alert solution can take Ed. Code 49079 notification requirements off your plate — ensuring 100 percent compliance. [Learn more »](#)

COVID-19 resources

Stay up to date with the latest news and resources related to COVID-19 on [CSBA's dedicated webpage](#) and with articles frequently posted on the newly redesigned [CSBA blog](#).

Virtual events

2021 Delegate Assembly Meeting
May 15-16 | [Register here](#)

2021 CCSA Virtual Spring Workshop
May 21 | [Register here](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction (Virtual)
June 25-26 | [Register here](#)

MIG Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review (Virtual)
July 16-17 | [Register here](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction (Virtual)
July 26 and 28 | [Register here](#)

MIG Course 3: School Finance (Virtual)
August 6-7 | [Register here](#)

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