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## CSBA launches 2022 School Boards in Action campaign



CSBA's 2022 **School Boards in Action** campaign kicked off its second phase Aug. 15 — focusing more than ever on highlighting the critical work that school and county office of education board members do to serve California's public school students. This new chapter continues **highlighting individual school board members and the work of boards as a whole, illustrating their unwavering**

**commitment to the job as local educational agencies implement measures that strengthen school communities and improve student outcomes in the long term.**

Through online ads, commercials on streaming radio services, video storytelling, board

member profiles in *California Schools* magazine, monthly features in the *California School News* newsletter and 5 Questions interviews on CSBA's blog, trustees will continue to share the experiences of their districts alongside anecdotes from their personal lives.

"I know how hard school and county boards have been working to support students over the last two years, including with the start of the new school year," said CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy. "I've seen so many examples of resourcefulness, innovative thinking and compassion, all intended to support students and, in many instances, entire communities. Unfortunately, this work has been overshadowed to some extent by challenges surrounding the pandemic. These fathers, mothers, sons and daughters are the unsung heroes in many communities and it is our hope that the School Boards in Action campaign will help to highlight their contributions to our society and show a more realistic side of school and county board members — one that reinforces the promise and opportunities public schools provide the vast majority of California's students." [Learn more and view member profile videos »](#)

## COVID-19 update: CDC updates to K-12 Guidance are in line with CDPH Guidance



On Aug. 11, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued updated COVID-19 guidance for K-12 schools and early care and education programs. The revisions to the guidance largely tracks guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health on June 30 (effective July 1). Some of the guidance remains unchanged (e.g., ventilation, cleaning, hygiene).

The largest change to the guidance, from both CDC and CDPH, is that neither recommends the quarantine of students and employees who are asymptomatic close contacts for COVID-19. Further, neither guidance recommends using cohorts. **Local educational agencies should follow CDPH guidance, except where CDC guidance is more restrictive. In addition, LEAs should follow any local public health guidance if it is more restrictive than CDC or CDPH guidance.** LEAs must also continue to follow CalOSHA COVID-19 Regulations with respect to their employees. [A comparison of the guidance from both agencies is available on the CSBA blog »](#)

## Legislative update: CSBA-sponsored bill passes suspense hearing hurdle



On Aug. 11, the Senate and Assembly Appropriations committees took up their suspense file — bills with a price tag of over \$150,000 that are considered in bulk in order to evaluate their fiscal impact as a whole.

**Suspense hearings can provide a convenient**

place to address bills with significant fiscal impacts or discard of bills that are politically difficult. Less fortunate legislation may be “held on suspense,” meaning the bill will die in the Appropriations Committee. For those that survive, the Legislature will take up all remaining legislation in floor votes of the full Senate and Assembly before the session ends on Aug. 31.

Among the fortunate measures was the CSBA-sponsored [Assembly Bill 2584 \(Berman, D-Menlo Park\)](#), which secured passage in Senate Appropriations. AB 2584 would protect election integrity and improve the information provided to voters in school board recall elections by adjusting the number of signatures required to initiate a recall to better reflect the sentiment of voters in the jurisdiction, require petitions for the recall of a school board member to include the cost of the recall election, and allow the recall to be combined with the next regularly scheduled election. The bill will now progress to the Senate floor. [Read more highlights from this year’s suspense proceedings »](#)

## August edition of *California Schools News* available now



*California Schools News’* August issue highlights much of the important work that CSBA has conducted in the last few months, including **an overview of CSBA’s research report *Unprecedented Times, Unprecedented Responses: An analysis of federal COVID-19 relief fund spending in California public schools***, highlights from the 2022 Leadership Institute and information on **the benefits that**

**CSBA’s District and County Office of Education Legal Services can offer to all districts and COEs.**

Also featured is the launch of the School Boards in Action campaign, ways to **improve your board policy review process**, and **Supreme Court education-related rulings**. Governance Corner includes a special feature on **implementing equity walks by CSBA business affiliate Nicole Anderson and Associates Consulting, LLC**. [Read the issue »](#)

## Get Connected! Month promotes affordable connectivity program

August marks Get Connected! Month — a collaboration between the California Department of Technology, California Department of Education, California State Library, California State Association of Counties and California Emerging Technology Fund — to promote the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).



More than 5 million California households are eligible to participate in the ACP, which offers monthly discounts of up to \$75 on home internet as well as one-time discounts of up to \$100 on computers and tablets. [Learn more about the ACP and how to apply »](#)

The Get Connected! Coalition invites school districts and county offices of education to participate in Get Connected! Month by distributing information to ACP-eligible households. [Learn more](#) and view a [sample outreach letter »](#)

## Register for CSBA webinar: Collective Bargaining in Divisive Times



Negotiating labor contracts is never easy, but the unprecedented scrutiny of school operations brought on by the pandemic means that collective bargaining is more public and more complicated than ever before. The perception that schools are flush with money **has created difficult terrain for labor negotiations.**

**Join CSBA Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. to learn how to navigate deep disagreements about how best to allocate funds to strengthen schools and improve student outcomes.** CSBA's expert panel — including Upper Lake Unified School District Superintendent Giovanni Annous, Oakland USD Chief Governance Officer Josh Daniels, William S. Hart Union High School District trustee Cherise Moore, San Juan USD Senior Director of Labor and Employee Relations Daniel Thigpen and CSBA Chief Legal Counsel Robert Tuerck — **will provide multifaceted strategies for collective bargaining in this new paradigm.** The conversation will be **moderated by CSBA's in-house bargaining expert with more than 20 years of experience, General Counsel and Chief of Staff Keith Bray.** [Learn more and register »](#)

## Executive Assistants Certification Program registration open



CSBA is excited to offer in-person training for the Executive Assistants Certification Program. **Courses will introduce the main functions of the executive assistant's responsibilities and how these functions support the governance team; introduce the practices, tools and resources that support good governance practices; and identify the job responsibilities that support good governance.** In-person

sessions will take place on dates between Sept. 12 through Nov. 7 in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. [Learn more and register »](#)

## Expert MAA and LEA billing assistance



Practi-Cal offers the most comprehensive Medi-Cal and Medicaid Administrative billing services available to local educational agencies. Its broad range of expertise allows it to **identify areas of reimbursement often overlooked by others and simplifies the complicated billing process**, while minimizing your efforts. There are **no up-front costs to the district**. [Learn more »](#)

Stay up to date with the latest news and resources on the [CSBA blog](#).

## Virtual events

### Student Board Member Summer Training Session

Aug. 24 | [Register](#)

### Equity Network: Governance with an Equity Lens

Aug. 27-Oct. 22 | [Register](#)

### MIG Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review

Sept. 20-21 | [Register](#)

### 2022 CCSA Virtual Fall Workshop

Sept. 23 | [Register](#)

## In-person events

### California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Annual Conference

Sept. 9-11 | Monterey | [Register](#)

## Sponsors



**Executive Assistants Certification  
Program**

Sept. 12-13 | Santa Clara | [Register](#)

**MIG 3: School Finance Part 1 & 2**

Sept. 23 | Rancho Cucamonga | [Register](#)

**MIG 4: Human Resources/Collective  
Bargaining**

Sept. 24 | Rancho Cucamonga | [Register](#)

**MIG COE COURSE 1 Foundations of  
Effective Governance/Setting Direction**

Sept. 24 | Santa Clara | [Register](#)

**MIG 1: Foundations of Effective  
Governance/Setting Direction**

Sept. 27 | Santa Cruz | [Register](#)

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