CDE grants and applications

The California Department of Education released a slew of information last week regarding distribution and recipients of various grants, as well as opening the second round of applications for community school grants.

- The first of two equal apportionments — each $4 billion — of the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant began to be distributed to county offices of education, and local educational agencies should start receiving funds shortly to help with learning recovery through the 2027–28 school year. The second installment is planned for spring 2023. Total allocation amounts for each LEA are available on CDE’s Funding Results web page.

- Twenty-seven schools and school districts were selected through a...
competitive grant process to receive up to $400,000 each to expand a current dual language immersion program or establish a new one. The Dual Language Immersion Grant was established to expand access to quality dual language learning and foster languages that English learners bring to California's education system.

- A second round of planning grants are available to LEAs interested in developing community schools partnerships that provide integrated services for students and families. According to the CDE, “community schools strategies can be an effective approach to mitigate the academic and social impacts of emergencies that affect local communities, improve school responsiveness to student and family needs, and to organize school and community resources to address barriers to learning.” Grants of up to $200,000 are intended to help LEAs without community schools build the networks needed to bring these benefits to their community. A webinar for those interested in applying is scheduled for Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. Applications are due Dec. 20, 2022. Learn more »

Call for nominations for Delegate Assembly

NOMINATIONS

Nomination and candidate biographical sketch forms for CSBA's Delegate Assembly are being accepted until Saturday, Jan. 9, 2023. 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. The Delegate Assembly comprises Delegates who are elected by local board members in 21 geographic regions throughout the state. Board members elected to the Delegate Assembly, which meets twice each year, serve a two-year term beginning April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2025. Learn more »

Celebrating Native American Heritage Month

November is National Native American Heritage month, paying tribute to the rich ancestry and traditions of Native Americans. CSBA's blog will highlight education programs throughout the state that focus on maximizing the outcomes of this student population. First up is a focus on native languages in Northern California. More than 150 years of targeted eradication of Native Americans in the U.S. and suppression of their languages and culture through federal boarding schools and other means forced many young people to abandon their ancestral ties. Spanning parts of Del Norte and Humboldt
counties, the Yurok tribe has sought to reverse that loss through language education.

The tribe in recent years has received federal grants aimed at promoting the revival and maintenance of native languages communitywide through K-12 education. One such grant from the U.S. Office of Indian Education awarded the tribe $350,000 in fiscal year 2022 in support of its Growing Learners and Sustaining Yurok Language program, which comprises three key components: setting up dual enrollment, developing digital curriculum and aligning curriculum. Read more »

Do your AEC plans include lunch? Register for a special luncheon today

Don’t miss the opportunity to network with your colleagues during CSBA’s Annual Education Conference and Trade Show. Ticketed meal functions hosted by groups such as the California Latino School Boards Association, the Asian Pacific Islander School Boards Association, California County Boards of Education, California Association of Black School Educators and California Council of School Attorneys are available. Themed luncheons are also available for small, suburban and urban districts. Learn more »
State Board wraps up 2022 by looking at student needs and English learner data

The State Board of Education’s Nov. 2–3 meeting shined a spotlight on student voice and new resources to help teachers access and utilize disaggregated English learner student group data. The meeting also saw the adoption of changes to the California Spanish Assessment and California School Dashboard principles. Student delegates of the 2022 Student Advisory Board on Education Conference brought to the board key issues researched and examined during the conference. Students emphasized the need for improvement in the areas of staff qualifications and training, political literacy, student mental wellness support, school safety and socioeconomic equity.

In response to feedback from the State Board, CDE staff presented new resources to assist educators and the public in accessing the wide range of disaggregated English learner student group data through the CDE website and the Local Control and Accountability Plan process. Staff noted that the resources can be used as part of California’s System of Support to help LEAs address their needs. Read more on the CSBA blog »

Assistance with state eligibility and funding applications

The State Facilities Funding Programs are complex and ever changing. Total School Solutions provides assistance with all aspects of the funding process, from the initial establishment of eligibility to the closeout audit process. TSS professionals meet with agency representatives to determine the needs of specific projects and assist in optimizing benefit from the programs. The expertise of the TSS staff can help secure additional funding for districts that had not previously been identified. Learn more »

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In-person events

What Executive Assistants and Board Presidents Need to Know About the Brown Act
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CSBA Annual Education Conference and Trade Show
Dec. 1-3 | San Diego | Register

County Board Governance Workshop
March 10-11, 2023 | Sacramento | Register

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