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Legislative update: Legislature returns for final month of session



Considered one of the busiest times of the year, the Legislature will have five weeks to conclude all remaining business before adjourning for 2023 after it reconvenes on Aug. 14. The final month will find each house's Appropriations Committee taking 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.**

Legislation that makes it through that process will be taken up for floor votes by the full Senate and Assembly before the session adjourns on Sept. 14.

Five CSBA-sponsored bills will be moving forward when the Legislature returns:

- **Assembly Bill 1023** (Papan, D-San Mateo): Would increase cybersecurity support for school districts by requiring the California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) to include representatives from the California Department of Education and coordinate information-sharing with school districts, county offices of education and charter schools.
- **Senate Bill 551** (Portantino, D-Glendale): Would enhance collaboration between county mental health agencies and school districts by requiring county mental health boards to include local educational agency employees who have experience providing mental health services to students and members aged 25 years or younger, with scaled requirements based on the size of the board.
- **AB 483** (Muratsuchi, D-Torrance): Would increase funding for and access to school-based health services by improving and streamlining the Local Education Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP).
- **AB 417** (Bennett, D-Ventura): Would allow students in high schools maintained by a county board of education an equal opportunity to serve on their governing board in cases where the board does not receive a student petition to create a student board member.
- **AB 557** (Hart, D-Santa Barbara): Would extend the opportunity for school boards to offer virtual meeting options during states of emergency.

Another CSBA-sponsored bill, **SB 765 (Portantino)**, which would streamline the 180-day mandatory waiting period and the salary earning cap LEAs must observe before hiring a recently retired teacher, is likely to be heard in the Assembly Public Employees and Retirement Committee the week of Aug. 14.

LegislatED video series — Public education legislation explained



Join Troy Flint, CSBA Chief Communications Officer, as he **discusses the latest news on public education legislation in California before the Legislature returns Aug. 14** for the final month of the 2023 session. In this episode, **Flint covers three bills that CSBA is tracking and currently has an Oppose position on due to their one-size-fits-all approach to local educational agency labor policy — AB 1699,**

SB 433 and AB 897. Through its LegislatED series, CSBA aims to explain the impacts of public education legislation via brief video lessons. [Watch now »](#)

Nominations open for CSBA Regional Director, Director-at-Large positions



Nominations are now being accepted through **Sept. 29** for **Regional Director** positions. For each Regional Director candidate, **CSBA must** receive a completed **Nomination Form** from the nominating Delegate, by **Friday, Sept. 29, 2023**. From the nominee, an optional one-page, single-sided resume may be submitted to

nominations@csba.org by **Sept. 29**. Read the [memorandum](#) from CSBA President Susan Markarian.

Nominations for **CSBA Directors-at-Large for African American, American Indian and County** are also being accepted through **Friday, Sept. 29**. Director-at-Large candidates must be nominated by a **CSBA member board** and nominees must be a member of a member board. Please read the memorandum from CSBA President Susan Markarian for more information [here](#). **A completed Nomination Form is required for nomination**. The form is due to CSBA by 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 29. Questions may be directed to CSBA's Executive Office at nominations@csba.org. [Nomination forms and more information are available »](#)

Student board member trainings: Help the next generation of leaders hone their governance skills



On **Aug. 23**, CSBA is launching its virtual **Student Board Member Training** program for students seeking to enhance their knowledge, skills and abilities as board of education members. This new program is designed to engage students and elevate their understanding of governance while serving as a board member.

Topics include the nuances of governance, legal issues surrounding the Brown Act and meetings, California school board membership, finance, advocacy and engagement, and transition planning. Students will have opportunities to utilize new tools and templates designed to craft motions, present viewpoints and solicit community input. There are also several virtual Student Board Member Governance Q&A and Networking events scheduled in the coming months. [Learn more and register »](#)

What's Your Why? with Bonnie Castrey, Huntington Beach Union HSD



Through its **School Boards in Action** campaign, **CSBA celebrates the work of dedicated trustees year-round**. In the **"What's Your Why?"** video series, trustees share the reasons they became board members and why they continue to serve California's public schools.



Huntington Beach Union High School District trustee **Bonnie Castrey** credits

public education for shaping her life and setting her up for success. As a board member, she **recognizes the importance of visual and performing arts offerings as well as sports programs for student enrichment and achievement.** [Watch the What's Your Why? series »](#)

Register for the CSBA Equity Network Training



The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on student learning — especially for the most vulnerable students. **CSBA's Equity Network Training: Governance with an equity lens provides a platform for governance teams consisting of one superintendent and two trustees to collaborate and build capacity to govern through the lens of equity** — helping to support opportunities and outcomes for historically

marginalized students. Through four virtual sessions, **facilitators will offer best practices that can be immediately adapted and implemented** at the school level while engaging all stakeholders and encouraging student voice as a valued and necessary contributor to positive change towards equity. [Learn more and register today »](#)

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

Virtual events

Student Board Member Trainings

Introduction to Governance | Aug. 23 |

[Register](#)

School Board Membership, Finance and Templates | Oct. 4 | [Register](#)

Advocacy and Engagement | Jan. 29 |

[Register](#)

Transition Planning, Legacy Building, and Next steps | April 15 | [Register](#)

Student Board Member Trainings bundle |

[Register](#)

Student Board Member Governance Q&A and Networking

Sept. 25 | [Register](#)

Nov. 6 | [Register](#)

Feb. 12 | [Register](#)

March 4 | [Register](#)

Sponsors



The Brown Act
Sept. 27 | [Register](#)

Equity Network Training (4 sessions)
Sept. 16-Jan.13, 2024 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction
Oct. 2-30 | [Register](#)

In-person events

CSBA Roadshow
Aug. 30 | San Luis Obispo County | [Register](#)
Sept. 27 | North Bay | [Register](#)
Oct. 2 | East Bay | [Register](#)
Oct. 4 | Calaveras County | [Register](#)
Oct. 4 | Lake County | [Register](#)
Oct. 11 | Santa Cruz County | [Register](#)
Oct. 17 | Fresno County | [Register](#)
Oct. 23 | Kern County/Bakersfield | [Register](#)
Oct. 23 | San Mateo County | [Register](#)
Oct. 25 | Shasta/Siskiyou counties | [Register](#)

CCBE Annual Conference
Sept. 8-10 | Monterey | [Register](#)

MIG Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review
Sept. 9 | San Marcos | [Register](#)

MIG Course 3: School Finance Part 1 and Part 2
Sept. 23 | San Marcos | [Register](#)

MIG Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review
Sept. 23 | Sunnyvale | [Register](#)

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