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## Legislative update: Gov. Newsom signs five CSBA-sponsored bills



Gov. Gavin Newsom closed out the legislative year on Oct. 13, signing the last of the more than 1,000 bills sent to him for signature or veto in 2023. In total, 1,046 pieces of legislation reached the Governor's desk in the last weeks of the legislative session, 890 bills were signed into law and 156 were vetoed.

**CSBA advocacy propelled five sponsored bills to the Governor's desk and secured his signature on a package of new laws that will help increase support for districts facing cyberattacks, provide immediate relief**

during the teacher shortage, help county boards appoint student members, and extend the opportunity for boards to meet remotely during states of emergency. [Learn more about these and the fate of more than 40 other education-related bills »](#)

## AEC Second General Session: CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy in conversation with edtech entrepreneur Sal Khan



Many tech experts, academics and researchers predict that artificial intelligence (AI) will upend society as we know it — so what does that mean for public schools? **Join CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy and renowned edtech entrepreneur Sal Khan for “From algorithms to academics: The AI revolution in public schools” as they explore the promise and perils of AI at the Friday, Dec. 1, Second**

### General Session at AEC.

Khan is the founder of Khan Academy, a nonprofit organization with more than 150 million registered users in over 190 countries and a mission to provide a free, universal and world-class education. Recognized as one of *TIME*'s 100 Most Influential People in the World, **Khan will outline his vision for the future of education in a fireside chat with Billy focused on the implications of AI for governance teams and education leaders.** [Learn more and register »](#)

## State update: Student performance initiatives; paid internship program



On Oct. 16, the **California Department of Education, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and other education partners unveiled plans to drive improvements in statewide student performance.** Included in the plans is **proposed legislation to fund training for educators** that is expected to increase student proficiency in math and reading over time, as well as **deeper**

**alignment in how state education investments will be implemented** to promote and measure student success.

Thurmond also **announced** on Oct. 10 the **launch of a statewide paid internships effort to design paid training and career coaching programs for high school students** and reaffirmed the state's commitment to preparing students for the “jobs of tomorrow.” Among the key goals of the initiative is to help youth see a bright future for themselves by **connecting them to the type of training and education that will lead to gainful employment rather than engaging in crime.** Those interested in

participating, partnering or supporting the paid internships program can email [CAstudentinternships@cde.ca.gov](mailto:CAstudentinternships@cde.ca.gov). [Learn more on the CSBA blog »](#)

## CTC evaluates its assessments



The **Oct. 12-13 meeting** of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing primarily **focused on the state's teaching performance assessments (TPAs)**, with commission staff presenting an analysis of TPA passing scores between 2018–23. While just an information item, the **robust discussion between commissioners and a large volume of written public comments regarding the usefulness of high-stakes**

**assessments brought the assurance of commissioners that the topic would be coming back in future meetings for further discussion and action.**

During the meeting, commissioners discussed the **results of five years of testing and the extent to which performance assessment implementation is achieving the goals** set forth in statute for educator preparation. Commissioners also **considered what adjustments or updates might be needed**, taking into consideration candidate and program level experiences. [Read the full recap on the CSBA blog »](#)

## From awareness to action: Resources for Bullying Prevention Month



October is **National Bullying Prevention Month**, an **opportune time to educate and raise awareness on what bullying is and how bullying affects school climate, students' well-being and academic achievement**. Bullying and cyberbullying impact a student's ability to learn and can have damaging consequences on their self-esteem, physical and mental health, and can lead to school avoidance — which can have

negative effects on their academic achievement and other outcomes.

**CSBA's new bullying and cyberbullying brief provides bullying and cyberbullying statistics and prevention resources**. Included are examples from local educational agencies implementing awareness campaigns, community education, training for staff, and using anonymous reporting systems to reduce harm are also included. Additionally, CSBA has a [webpage](#) dedicated to bullying, discrimination and harassment with more information and prevention resources. Bullying prevention is a whole school, district and community effort. [Learn how your LEA can create safe and supportive school environments »](#)

## Upcoming webinar: Save money and time by purchasing through BuyBoard



Join CSBA on **Oct. 19 at 11 a.m.** for the webinar, **“Maximize your budget and streamline the procurement process with BuyBoard.”**

**Attendees will learn how to get started with CSBA’s new business partner BuyBoard, a national purchasing cooperative that gives CSBA members access to one of the country’s largest marketplaces focused specifically on elementary and secondary schools. Group purchasing**

**power offers significant discounts and eliminates the time-consuming Request for Proposals process.**

**BuyBoard products and services include everything from furniture, textbooks, athletic equipment and HVAC supplies to custodial and lawn care services and much more. In addition to sharing how to get started with BuyBoard, this webinar will share best practices for reducing costs and liabilities, and explain how participation in BuyBoard also supports California schools. [Learn more and register »](#)**

## High-quality, data-informed maps driven by transparency



Redistricting is the process of redrawing and rebalancing legislative and local jurisdictional district boundaries every 10 years following the decennial U.S. Census — a process that has only become more complex since the passage of the Fair Maps Act in 2019. **Redistricting Partners has developed a program that allows boards to have a fair, open redistricting that follows best practices and engages communities while**

**ensuring the highest-quality final product.** Redistricting Partners has partnered with CSBA to deliver districting or redistricting services to school boards in a **cost-effective way that is data informed, community driven and board focused.** [Learn more »](#)

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

## Virtual events

**MIG Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review**  
Nov. 6-Dec. 11 | [Register](#)

## Sponsors



### **Student Board Member Trainings**

Advocacy and Engagement | Jan. 29 |

[Register](#)

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

### **Student Board Member Governance Q&A and Networking**

Nov. 6 | [Register](#)

Feb. 12 | [Register](#)

March 4 | [Register](#)

### **Board Presidents Workshop**

Jan. 11 | [Register](#)

### **Executive Assistants Certification Program**

Jan. 12-March 15 | [Register](#)

### **Orientation for New Trustees**

Jan. 18 | [Register](#)

### **The Brown Act**

Jan. 22 | [Register](#)

### **Institute for New and First-Term Board Members**

Jan. 30-31 | [Register](#)

## **In-person events**

### **CSBA Roadshow**

Oct. 23 | Kern County/Bakersfield | [Register](#)

Oct. 23 | San Mateo County | [Register](#)

Oct. 25 | Shasta/Siskiyou counties | [Register](#)

### **The Brown Act**

Oct. 25 | Marysville | [Register](#)

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

Jan. 20 | Monterey | [Register](#)

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