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## Join CSBA for Coast2Coast 2024



Didn't get to join CSBA and the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) for last year's Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip? **Watch highlights from the event in our new [video](#), hear the benefits of attending from trustees who experienced it firsthand and get details on what to expect in 2024!**

The CSBA-ACSA 2024 Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip is **happening April 8-10 in Washington, D.C.** Meet with congressional representatives and staff, learn from Cabinet Department leaders, receive policy briefings from legislative advocates, build relationships with education leaders from across

California and make your voice heard in the nation's Capital! [Learn more and register »](#)

## Important dates for AEC registration and housing



CSBA's [2023 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show](#) in San Francisco Nov. 30-Dec. 2 is almost here! If team members from your local educational agency still need to register and/or reserve housing, here are some important dates to keep in mind:

- **Nov. 7:** Select rooms are still available through CSBA's AEC registration and housing platform.  
**The deadline to reserve a hotel room is Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, at 3 p.m.**  
Rooms are filling up quickly, so book now! If you have any questions related to the registration and housing process, please contact Maritz Global Events, the official housing provider for AEC, via phone at 864-641-6838 or email at [csba@maritz.com](mailto:csba@maritz.com). [Learn more »](#)
- **Nov. 14: Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, is the last day to secure regular registration pricing.** Late registration pricing will be in effect from Nov. 15 through the start of the conference. [Register now »](#)

Conference strands include equitable access to all; governance strategy and practice; mental health, wellness and student safety; student and community engagement; and the promise and peril of technology. See the [program](#), [breakout session](#) and [table talk session](#) schedules and get to know General Session speakers [Dr. Shawn Ginwright](#) and [Mark C. Perna](#) in CSBA's [speaker spotlight video series](#). Don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Second General Session** featuring edtech leader [Sal Khan](#) in conversation with CSBA CEO & Executive Director [Vernon M. Billy](#), as they explore the future of artificial intelligence in public schools.

## Webinar: Revolutionizing edtech procurement with Golden State Technology Solutions



In this webinar, **happening at 2 p.m. on Nov. 7, learn about Golden State Technology Solutions**, a partnership of CSBA, the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) and Carahsoft, which provides **360-degree solutions for public schools' technology needs** and how Carahsoft provides California TK-12 schools with a full array of technologies and support. This **one-stop shop**

**for your technology needs provides access to software solutions, devices for students, hardware for infrastructure needs, training on new technology, cybersecurity and consulting services to help your local educational agency make the right purchases.**

Find out how Golden State Technology Solutions products and services can meet your LEA's tech needs with discounted rates and an easy purchasing process, allowing those savings to be directed toward classroom support and other vital needs. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. [Register now »](#)

## Federal update: California LEAs receive grants to foster diverse schools



The U.S. Department of Education on Oct. 19 [announced](#) the awardees of \$14 million in grants through its first Fostering Diverse Schools Demonstration Program. **Oakland Unified School District will receive nearly \$500,000 from the program. The money is intended to support local educational agencies in their work to** "support voluntary efforts by local school districts to increase school socioeconomic diversity,

including by providing new or expanded access to schoolwide specialized academic programs, unique program options, or analyzing the location and capacity of facilities to promote socioeconomic school diversity."

Additionally, **San Diego USD and Napa Valley USD are each receiving more than \$2 million in Magnet Schools Assistance Program Grants, which also aims to foster more diversity in schools.** The department awarded \$92 million to 16 grantees including the California districts through the program this year.

## Call for nominations for the Delegate Assembly



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 meets twice a year and is comprised of Delegates who are elected and appointed by local board

members in 21 geographic regions throughout the state. Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2026.

**Nomination, appointment and candidate biographical sketch forms for CSBA's Delegate Assembly are being accepted until Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024. Please see memoranda from President Susan Markarian for [districts](#) and [even-numbered counties](#). Links to the nomination and appointment materials along with the candidate biographical sketch can be accessed from [CSBA's website](#).** If you have questions, please contact the Executive Office at [nominations@csba.org](mailto:nominations@csba.org).

## CSBA Officer candidates



Pursuant to Standing Rule 222, C (11), the Candidate Review Committee interviewed the first-round candidates in person on Aug. 26, 2023. **Candidates interviewed were Bettye Lusk, Monterey Peninsula USD, for the Office of President-elect; and James Aguilar, San Leandro USD; Renee Nash, Eureka Union SD; and Debra Schade, Solana Beach SD for the Office of Vice President.** The Candidate Review

Committee recommends Bettye Lusk for the Office of President-elect, and Renee Nash and Debra Schade for the Office of Vice President.

Second round nominations closed on Oct. 20, and there were no new candidates nominated for either office. [Learn more and read candidate statements »](#)

## National Native American Heritage Month spotlight: California Indian Education for All



**California Indian Education for All** has resources that can benefit local educational agencies during National Native American Heritage Month in November and year-round. A product of the San Diego County Office of Education, California Indian Museum & Cultural Center and the California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center, the nonprofit was developed after learning from teachers

**that the curriculum being used wasn't utilizing resources from tribal communities to tell an accurate version of the state's history.**

California Indian Education for All is currently involved in creating the model curriculum for K-12 Native American studies in California. With a goal of creating culturally responsive resources that improve representation and classroom climates for teaching and learning about California's native people, [classroom materials](#) such as a Thanksgiving teaching toolkit, lessons on Native foods, Pomo and Kumeyaay tribal curricula and book and film recommendations have been compiled as well as original content like [The 6 P's: California Indian Education Curriculum](#). [Learn about additional resources and upcoming trainings and events »](#)

## Streamlined superintendent hiring for districts and COEs



CSBA, in partnership with McPherson & Jacobson, L.L.C., offers the Executive Search Service to **provide districts and county offices**



comprehensive process that guides the board through this critical time with ease and professionalism. [Learn more »](#)

of education with a streamlined process to meet their executive hiring needs. From identifying possible candidates to the selection of a qualified superintendent, **Executive Search Services** offers an extensive and

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## Virtual events

### 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

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

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

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**MIG Course 4: Human  
Resources/Collective Bargaining**  
Feb. 3 | Sunnyvale | [Register](#)

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