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Legal update: CSBA's ELA submits amicus letter in support of blocking proposed tax measure



Last week, **CSBA's Education Legal Alliance (ELA)** filed an amicus letter urging the **California Supreme Court** to hear the case of ***Legislature of the State of California et al v. Weber (Hiltachk)***. In a unique procedural process, the petitioners in the case, the state Legislature, Gov. Gavin Newsom and former lawmaker John Burton, filed an original writ directly with the Supreme Court, seeking to have a

ballot measure, the "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act," removed from the November 2024 ballot. **The petitioners argue that the measure's requirement that all new state taxes be approved by the electorate, expansion of the definition of "taxes," and imposition of additional requirements for collection and use of**

state and local tax revenues imperil the provision of essential government functions and unlawfully revise, rather than amend, the California Constitution.

The ELA's letter in support of the case supported the petitioners' arguments and pointed out several specific impacts that the measure will have in the area of school funding, especially Proposition 98, school-based fees, and voter initiatives for parcel taxes. The letter (which can be reviewed on the [CSBA blog](#) and [ELA's webpage](#)) also details several poorly defined terms in the measure that make the specifics of its implementation unclear and how the measure's retroactivity provisions will impact already passed funding measures for school districts. The Supreme Court will consider the materials submitted on the matter and determine if it will hear the case.

[Read the letter »](#)

State update: Proposition 28 allocations released



The California Department of Education has published **preliminary entitlement estimates for the Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) program for fiscal year 2023–24**, as established by Proposition 28, which was passed by voters in 2022. **The purpose of these funds is to supplement arts education programs and the amount of funding available each fiscal year will be 1 percent of the K–12 portion of**

the Proposition 98 funding guarantee provided in the prior fiscal year. The CDE will publish revised AMS entitlements with the certification of the 2023–24 First Principal Apportionment in February 2024; significant revisions to entitlement amounts are not anticipated. AMS payments to local educational agencies will begin to flow monthly through the Principal Apportionment beginning in February 2024. [View the apportionments »](#)

Two weeks to AEC: Luncheon spotlight



In addition to dynamic [General Session speakers](#), more than 100 [breakout sessions](#) and a Trade Show Floor packed with solutions to your local educational agency's issues, **CSBA's 2023 Annual Education Conference offers ticketed lunch options** featuring informative speakers and the opportunity to network with colleagues in specific LEA groups. **The Spotlight Luncheon on Dec. 1 will feature a discussion around**

expanding access to dual enrollment opportunities for small school districts, a key aspect of the California Community College Chancellor's Office Vision 2030. **The Urban School Districts Luncheon on Nov. 30 will feature panelists from Bay Area district and county offices, as well as students, discussing their programs for student engagement, empowerment and voice.** Additional luncheon options include those for the California Latino School Boards Association, CSBA Legislative Action, California

CSBA Member Services Chief featured in school policy panel



On Nov. 7, *Capitol Weekly* hosted a conference on education policy **featuring a panel on the role of school boards. CSBA Member Services Chief Amy Christianson** shared the stage with Marshall Tuck, CEO of EdVoice, and Richard Zeiger, founder of Zeiger Strategies and former California Chief Deputy State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Q&A-style panel touched on topics such as the board's role in supporting public

education, Assembly Bill 1078 and recent issues between certain school boards and the state.

Christianson kicked off the panel with a statement of why school boards are important. **“School boards are the largest body of elected officials at the closest grassroots level to public education,”** she said. “They provide governance and accountability oversight for millions of California students. They have the **responsibility to set the direction; to identify policy, practices and bylaws they follow based on education code; they provide support to the superintendent and others who manage the day-to-day operation of schools; and they provide the opportunity for the public to engage in ensuring that local schools are implementing the value and vision and meeting the needs of the children in their community.**” [Read more »](#)

Federal update: FCC proposed E-Rate support for WiFi hotspots



The Federal Communications Commission on Nov. 8 **proposed allowing schools and libraries to apply for funding from the FCC's E-Rate program for WiFi hotspots and wireless internet access services that can be used off-premises.** As students and educators increasingly rely on remote educational tools and the online space becomes part of the classroom, the FCC seeks to update the E-Rate program to help meet

these educational needs. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes making clear that off-premises use of WiFi hotspots and wireless internet access services by students, school staff and library patrons for remote learning and the provision of virtual library services serves an educational purpose and enhances access to advanced telecommunications and information services for schools and libraries. [Learn more »](#)

Health and safety supplies delivered directly to districts

Air Purification & Safety Supplies

It remains essential that schools are stocked with the appropriate supplies to keep students and staff safe and healthy, including **ventilation and air purification equipment, masks, sanitizing products and more**. CSBA has partnered with **Maclean Health, a one-stop solution for supply procurement** of healthcare supplies, technology supplies, office supplies and critical school safety supplies. [Learn more »](#)

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

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

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

Sponsors



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Governance/Setting Direction

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

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

Feb. 3 | Sunnyvale | [Register](#)

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