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## Plan your schedule for AEC



There is just over a week left until governance team members and school leaders from local educational agencies across the state gather in San Francisco for the **2023 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show — happening Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at the Moscone West Center.**

**Attendees can download the AEC app and start planning their sessions, find directions and shuttle info, connect with fellow attendees and more.** Download the AEC app by

searching for "Cvent Events" in the [iPhone App](#) store or the [Google Android Play](#) store and [follow these instructions to log in](#) or to view the app's online version. **Schedules for breakout sessions and table talks** can also be viewed on the AEC website.

Don't miss your chance to **minge with exhibitors on the Trade Show Floor** and watch **inspiring and informational General Session addresses from Dr. Shawn Ginwright**, a leading innovator, provocateur and thought leader on African American youth, youth activism and youth development; **Khan Academy founder Sal Khan in conversation with CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy**; and **Mark C. Perna**, an expert on the millennial and Z generations who has devoted his career to empowering educators and employers to unleash the potential of today's young people.

**Be sure to share your experience throughout the conference by using #aec2023** and following and tagging us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram \(@csbanow\)](#), [Twitter/X \(@CSBA\\_Now\)](#) and [LinkedIn](#). [Learn more and register »](#)

## Legislative update: Congress averts shutdown, extends federal funding through early 2024



On Nov. 16, **President Joe Biden signed House Resolution 6363**, the continuing resolution (CR) passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate to prevent the government from shutting down on Nov. 17. The deal will provide funding for most programs at fiscal year 2023 levels through early 2024, allowing Congress more time to negotiate a final agreement.

The CR extends funding through Jan. 19, 2024, for veterans, transportation, housing, agriculture and energy programs that were funded in the following four FY 2023 appropriations acts: the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023; the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023; the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023; and the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023.

**For most other federal agencies and programs, including the Department of Education's programs, the CR provides funding through Feb. 2, 2024.** The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill is included in this second group of bills. The CR also extends several programs and authorities, including funding for school meals.

## Federal update: Public comment period open for FCC's proposed cybersecurity pilot program



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently announced a proposal to create a pilot program to help K-12 schools and libraries strengthen their cybersecurity defenses. The Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program would provide as much as \$200 million over three years via the

FCC's Universal Service Fund. The pilot **"would allow us to obtain valuable data concerning the cybersecurity and advanced firewall services that would best help K-12 schools and libraries address the growing cyber threats and attacks against their broadband networks and data,"** according to the FCC. The public comment period is open until Dec. 13. [Learn more »](#)

**In other federal news:**

- The U.S. Department of Education's **Office of Civil Rights on Nov. 15 published civil rights data on students' access to educational opportunities during the 2020–21 academic year**, including seven data reports and snapshots that provide an overview of the information. The 2020–21 data shows "stark inequities" in education throughout the country, [according to](#) an OCR press release. Topics covered include school discipline and school climate, enrollment, referrals to law enforcement and school-related arrests and sexual violence and sex-based harassment or bullying. [Learn more on the CSBA blog »](#)
- In an effort to keep students safe on school campuses, **the U.S. Department of Education have released tools to tackle antisemitism, Islamophobia and related forms of discrimination and bias.** [Learn more »](#)

## State update: Immunization reports due Dec. 1



The **California Department of Public Health is reminding local educational agencies that immunization reports are due by Dec. 1. Schools that serve students in kindergarten and seventh grade must report the immunization status of those students annually.** CDPH has guidance available on [annual immunization assessment reporting for 2023–24](#) and [additional resources](#) including

online training modules and webinar recordings.

**In other state news:**

- The California Department of Education's **California Literacy Landscape Survey deadline has been extended to Nov. 30.** Spring 2023 literacy snapshots of aggregate student performance data for K-2 are being accepted to guide the state's efforts to ensure children can read by third grade. The CDE is also collecting information on local educational agencies' literacy programs, including assessment practices, instructional materials and intervention strategies. The survey takes

roughly 15 minutes to complete. [Learn more »](#)

## Legal update: Southern California charter schools challenge State Board's denial in court



On Nov. 1, 2023, **Vista Charter Public Schools (Vista)** filed a lawsuit against the **State Board of Education (SBE)** challenging its decision to **affirm the denial of its charter petition** by Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the Los Angeles County Board of Education (LACBOE). The lawsuit **highlights the debate taking place in California about the extent of local control that may be exercised by school**

**boards and communities when considering charter school petitions.**

In response to the SBE decision to deny Vista's appeal and affirm LAUSD and LACBOE's decisions to deny Vista's charter petition, **Vista sued the SBE in Los Angeles Superior Court, requesting a writ of mandate directing the SBE to set aside its decision affirming LAUSD and LACBOE's decisions to deny the petition, and to rehear the appeal using a different standard of review.** Vista's petition for writ of mandate alleges that the SBE abused its discretion when reviewing the denials because it acted arbitrarily and capriciously and "failed to proceed in a manner required by law [when it failed] to identify and correct the abuses of discretion by LAUSD and LACBOE." Vista's petition includes six specific instances of alleged abuse of discretion by the SBE. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

## IQC approves schedule related to new Mathematics Framework



At its final meeting of the year, **the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC)** on Nov. 15 approved matters related to the **2025 California Mathematics Instructional Materials Adoption process including the schedule of significant events, online instructional materials review application, and draft content standards and evaluation criteria maps.**

Application materials for individuals who wish to serve as instructional materials reviewers (IMRs) and content review experts (CREs) on the review panel were also approved. Panel members will evaluate instructional materials aligned with the California Common Core Standards for Mathematics for K-8 use; IMRs will primarily be teachers and CREs will hold a doctorate degree in mathematics or a related field. The reviewer application period is tentatively scheduled for April through September 2024. [Read a full meeting recap on the CSBA blog »](#)

## Custom-designed PPE products, document management and printing services



The PPE and Scanning program is a partnership with Crisp Imaging, which **offers scanning and archiving of documents and design, print, fabrication and installation for physical protection.** Scanning physical documents creates a digital barrier that is essential in promoting a touch-less environment. **This affords quick access to documents whether physically working in the office or remotely. The program**

**provides local educational agencies with affordable, customizable options to support the safety of district staff, students and visitors alike. [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

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

## In-person events

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

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

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

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

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