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Weekly Update

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The CSBA Weekly Update will return on Jan. 3, 2024. Happy holidays!

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State update: CDE releases California School Dashboard



The **2023 California School Dashboard** was released Dec. 15 by the California Department of Education, returning for the first time since the onset of the pandemic to **color-coded ratings to show performance measures for schools and districts on multiple state and local indicators**. The color-coded system — from highest to lowest, the five performance levels are: Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange and Red — breaks

down information by 13 student subgroups, including outcomes for English learners and student with disabilities, and by race and ethnicity. The color rating is generated using current year results (status) plus the change in performance from the previous year (change).

Results show a significant decrease in chronic absenteeism statewide, while other indicators including suspension and graduation rates remained relatively stagnant. In 2022–23, 219 LEAs exited differentiated assistance, while 68 LEAs became eligible, for a total of 466 qualified LEAs, compared to 617 in 2021–22. Staff attributed much of this movement out of differentiated assistance to improvements in chronic absenteeism. More information on the Dashboard, additional indicators, changes to differentiated assistance and an overview of disaggregated data are [available on the CSBA blog »](#)

Register for the 2024 CSBA County Board Governance Workshop



The **2024 County Board Governance Workshop** is a two-day training opportunity designed to give county board members the confidence and tools to implement their next objectives. From providing services to the state’s most vulnerable populations through juvenile court and county community schools to supporting county office initiatives to decisions regarding charter school petitions and more, **county boards**

need specific support to fulfill their governance duties. County trustees and superintendents alike can expect to gain in-depth county-focused learning opportunities at this workshop.

Join CSBA on **Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9, 2024, at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento**, about 15 minutes from the Sacramento airport. [Learn more and register »](#)

Federal update: Application period open for 2024–25 School Ambassador Fellowship Program



The U.S. Department of Education is now **accepting applications for the 2024–25 School Ambassador Fellowship** — a unique professional engagement experience designed to improve the outcomes for students nationwide by leveraging the voices of outstanding school-based practitioners to inform the department on a range national education policy issues. Through their interaction with leaders at the Department of

Education, **fellows provide a direct line of contact and engagement between the**

department and their local school districts and are positioned to elevate pressing educational challenges faced by the students they serve.

The deadline to apply is **Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. EST**. Prospective applicants can contact SAF@ED.gov with any questions about the School Ambassador Fellowship program or about the application process. [Learn more »](#)

CCEE looks to measure impact



During its **Dec. 13-14 meeting**, the **California Collaborative for Educational Excellence's** governing board conducted a study session on tracking and measuring organizational impact, including collecting and interpreting data, and how to communicate that impact with stakeholders throughout the state.

Executive Director Matt Navo also presented his final **report** of the year, which covered accomplishments such as work with local educational agencies, and the launch of a **podcast** and of the **Statewide System of Support Directory**. The CCEE board is scheduled to convene next on Feb. 29.

Download your headshots from AEC



If you **participated in taking headshots at the 2023 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show photo booth** sponsored by **Balfour Beatty**, please **email your assigned number given during your session to Herve at info@terrificshot.com** to receive your photo gallery. **If your assigned number is lost**, you can view all galleries **[here](#)**. Please contact aec@csba.org if you have any questions.

CSBA's Cash Reserve Program can help your LEA manage state deferrals



The **California School Cash Reserve Program** helps guard against temporary cash flow shortages in a safe, cost-effective way by creating an additional cash reserve to the general fund. Now in partnership with **California Association of School Business Officials**, CSBA's Cash Reserve Program has

provided local educational agencies a **reliable and cost-effective short-term cash flow funding option** for over 30 years. Participants issue Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANs) through a streamlined, pooled process. Learn more today about how the Cash Reserve Program can offer you low borrowing costs and flexible repayment terms, with easy and efficient administration. [Learn more »](#)

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

Virtual events

Board Presidents Workshop

Jan. 11 | [Register](#)

Feb. 7 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistants Certification Program

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

Orientation for New Trustees

Jan. 18 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

Jan. 22 | [Register](#)

Student Board Member Trainings

Advocacy and Engagement | Jan. 29 |

[Register](#)

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

Institute for New and First-Term Board Members

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

Student Board Member Governance Q&A and Networking

Feb. 12 | [Register](#)

March 4 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Feb. 21-22 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining

Feb. 26-March 18 | [Register](#)

Sponsors



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](#)

MIG Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review

Feb. 10 | Monterey | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

Feb. 20 | Riverside | [Register](#)

Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip

April 8-10 | Washington, D.C. | [Register](#)

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