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Legislative update: Governor signs bill requiring compliance with the state's inclusive education laws



On Sept. 25, Gov. Gavin **Newsom** signed **Assembly Bill 1078** (Jackson, D-Moreno Valley), which took effect immediately upon signing and will allow for complaints to be filed against local educational agencies that limit or prohibit the use of inclusive textbooks, instructional materials or school library materials in violation of the California FAIR (Fair, Accurate, Inclusive, and Respectful Education)

Act. It also provides for immediate state intervention by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, including the assessment of financial penalties upon school districts that do not provide sufficient textbooks or instructional materials to its students. [Read more about AB 1078 and CSBA's position here](#). Other key bills signed in recent days include several measures related to LGBTQ students. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

In other legislative updates:

- **Tell the Governor to veto [AB 1699](#) and reject the one-size-fits-all approach to local hiring that mandates** how and when classified staff must be hired or promoted, with no ability to consider whether a candidate is best suited for the position. **It is critical that Gov. Gavin Newsom hear from as many local education leaders as possible. [Urge him to veto AB 1699 »](#)**
- Join CSBA for a webinar on **Thursday, Sept. 28, at 2:30 p.m. to explore the implications of [AB 1078](#)**, legislation that **will permit greater state and county superintendent intervention when local educational agencies limit or prohibit the adoption of standards-aligned curriculum and instructional materials**. The bill was signed by the Governor Sept. 25 and went into effect immediately. [Register now »](#)

Federal update: ARP funds 14-month extension request



The U.S. Department of Education **announced** on Sept. 18 that state education agencies are eligible to request a 14-month extension on spending of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. States that are approved **will have their spend-by date moved to late-March 2026**.

CSBA has reached out to the California Department of Education for more information regarding when staff will be submitting the state's

application. The federal Education Department has said that **the application template and updated FAQ's will be available in the fall**, with an estimated release date of late-October.

Legal update: *George Brinsmead et al. v Elk Grove Unified School District et al*



On Sept. 18, 2023, the Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District of California issued its opinion **reversing the Sacramento County Superior Court's order of dismissal of a wrongful death complaint against Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD)**. The deceased student was enrolled in the district's school bus

program for the 2019–20 school year. On the morning of Jan. 22, 2020, the student arrived at the designated school bus stop, and after waiting for 40 minutes for the bus to arrive, took a ride with a friend instead. An accident occurred during the drive that resulted in the student's death. **The plaintiff's suit alleged that the district breached its duty to provide the student with a reasonably safe school bus system and, consequently, should be held liable under Education Code section 44808.** In response, EGUSD filed a demurrer challenging the legal sufficiency or adequacy of the complaint and pleading for its dismissal on the point that, even if the facts alleged in the complaint were true, they do not disclose a legal basis for the lawsuit. The trial court upheld EGUSD's claim of immunity, sustained the demurrer and dismissed the complaint.

On appeal, **the appellate court held the Education Code section 44808 immunity was not applicable in the circumstances of the case and remanded the case to the trial court** to enter a new order overruling the demurrer and to continue with the proceedings. With the appeals court's reversal of the judgment of dismissal, the case is returned to the trial court for a trial on the merits. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

September newsletter available online



The latest issue of *California School News* offers best practices for building relationships with your legislators — an important step in furthering board of education advocacy — as well as expert tips on how to better engage non-English-speaking families, the story of one district's efforts to improve outcomes for foster youth, a recap of the first meeting of CSBA's Small

School District Advisory Group, and an exploration of artificial intelligence as an educational tool. The September edition also breaks down revisions to charter school authorization legislation that reflect arguments made by CSBA's Education Legal Alliance and includes guidance on how to spark student civic engagement during High School Voter Education Weeks. [Read the full issue »](#)

Ask your representative in Congress to sign on to the Funding Early Childhood is the Right IDEA Act



As part of CSBA's federal advocacy work in Washington, D.C., the association is working with Reps. Mark DeSaulnier (D, CA-10) and Jared Huffman (D, CA-02) to pass the **Funding Early Childhood is the Right IDEA Act** (H.R. 5141), a bill to increase funding for Part B Preschool and Part C Infant and Toddler Programs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Early interventions are crucial for a child's development, and every child, regardless of disability status, should have an equal opportunity to obtain high-quality early childhood services. This additional funding will ensure continued delivery of high-quality early intervention and preschool special education services to children that will set them up for success when entering the K-12 school system. DeSaulnier, who has carried this CSBA-sponsored legislation over the last several years, reintroduced this year's version in August. **The next step is to build momentum for this important funding measure by asking your representatives in the House to co-sponsor the bill — reach out now to ask your member of Congress to add their name as a co-sponsor of the Funding Early Childhood is the Right IDEA Act.** [Reach out to Congress now »](#)

Second AEC keynote speaker announced



Meet the **second 2023 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show keynote speaker: Dr. Shawn Ginwright!**

A leading innovator, provocateur and thought leader on African American youth, youth activism and youth development, Ginwright is a professor in the Africana Studies Department and a senior research associate at San Francisco State University. **His research examines the ways in**

which youth in urban communities navigate the constraints of poverty and struggle to create equality and justice in their schools and communities.

Ginwright is also the founder CEO of Flourish Agenda, Inc., a research lab and consulting firm seeking **to design strategies that unlock the power of healing and engage youth of color and adult allies in transforming their schools and communities.** Through such efforts, he has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Senior Specialist award from the U.S. State Department for his outstanding research and work with urban youth. [Visit the AEC website for more information »](#)

Reduce costs, streamline compliance and simplify procurement with Golden State Technology Solutions



CSBA and the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) have joined forces with **Carahsoft Technology Corp.** to reduce costs, streamline compliance and simplify technology procurement for California public schools. The partnership, known as **Golden State Technology Solutions**, allows local educational agencies to economically purchase hardware, software, training, consulting and

cybersecurity services, thereby saving time and money and freeing resources for student support. At a time when technology plays a greater role in schools than ever

before, Golden State Technology Solutions will **demystify the purchasing process and help school boards, county offices of education and business officials efficiently source technology service providers. Districts of every size will benefit from group purchasing power** while saving resources commonly spent through the time-consuming Request for Proposals process. [Learn more »](#)

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

Virtual events

Student Board Member Trainings

School Board Membership, Finance and Templates | Oct. 4 | [Register](#)

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](#)

Executive Assistants Certification Program MU Cohort

Oct. 6-Dec. 15 | [Register](#)

In-person events

CSBA Roadshow

Oct. 2 | East Bay | [Register](#)

Oct. 4 | Lake County | [Register](#)

Oct. 11 | Santa Cruz County | [Register](#)

Oct. 17 | Fresno County | [Register](#)

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

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

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

What Executive Assistants and Board Presidents Need to Know About the Brown Act

Oct. 13 | Madera | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

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

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