

# California schoolnews

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## Legislative update: Legislature passes education budget trailer bills



On Sept. 11, the Legislature passed follow-up budget legislation offering more detail for education stakeholders on the Budget Act of 2023. **Senate Bill 141**, the education omnibus budget trailer bill, makes a number of statutory changes needed to implement the budget. Most notably, it will extend the authority to allow substitute teachers to remain in a classroom for up to 60 cumulative days. This authority, which expired July 1, 2023, will now be extended by one year until July 1, 2024.

Unlike in a typical budget year, **further edits may be needed later this fall as the state continues to face uncertain revenues. Complicating matters is the state's delayed tax filing deadline**, which was extended until Oct. 15 to provide relief for Californians affected by severe winter storms. **The extension will delay an accurate count of the state's revenues, potentially requiring a revision of the budget**, which would be included as a part of the Governor's January Budget Proposal if funds fall short of what is expected. CSBA will continue to keep members informed as the situation develops.

## CSBA brings BuyBoard purchasing cooperative to California schools



CSBA is proud to bring the power of group purchasing to the state's districts and county offices of education by partnering with **BuyBoard**. Since 1998, BuyBoard has been providing local educational agencies **with increased purchasing power, lower administrative costs and compliance with legal requirements**. BuyBoard vendors have been awarded contracts for products and services

through a competitive procurement process, thereby giving members the opportunity for bulk discounts, combined with the ease of online shopping. From classroom and custodial supplies to sports equipment and lighting, BuyBoard has you covered. Maximize your budget, lower administrative costs and streamline the procurement process with BuyBoard! [Learn more and sign up »](#)

## Take CSBA's education workforce housing survey



Does your local educational agency have staffing challenges? **Building workforce housing on existing property may be the right solution for LEAs in areas where the cost of living is a barrier to hiring and retaining staff — two crucial elements in improving student outcomes**. In more remote areas, staff housing may not be conveniently available at any cost.

**That's why CSBA is expanding its partnership with UCLA's cityLAB and UC Berkeley's Center for Cities + Schools to offer beginning and advanced opportunities for training and technical assistance** to California school districts and county offices of education as they pursue workforce housing. Whether your LEA has a project started or is considering one, regardless of its size, please **take this two-minute survey** by Sept. 22 to be considered for our 2024 cohorts. [Take the survey »](#)

## State update: Guidance released to mitigate spread of communicable diseases



The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), with consultation from the California Department of Social Services and the California Department of Education, **has released [Guidance for K–12 Schools and Child Care Settings to Mitigate the Spread of Communicable Diseases, 2023–24](#)**

**School Year**. This guidance is intended to support safe, in-person learning and care in

K–12 schools and child care settings by building on the lessons learned and multilayered strategies used to manage COVID-19. For [Learn more at the Safe Schools for All Hub](#) »

## Federal update: 2024 United States Senate Youth Program nominations open



Nominations are open for the 2024 U.S. Senate Youth Program. **Geared for juniors or seniors interested in pursuing careers in public service, two student delegates from each state will be selected to attend a unique program in Washington, D.C., from March 2–9, 2024, and each will receive a \$10,000 college scholarship.** To apply, students must be

nominated by their high school principal and

currently serve in an elected or appointed leadership capacity in a student government, civic or educational organization for the entire 2023–24 school year. **The deadline to apply is Oct. 9 at 4 p.m.** [Learn more](#) »

## Spark student civic engagement during September High School Voter Education Weeks



Per California Education Code, **the last two weeks of September are designated as High School Voter Education Weeks**, a time for teens to learn about and prepare to engage in the democratic process.

**Schools are encouraged to partner with local county elections officials “to promote civic education and participation on campus and**

**foster an environment that cultivates lifelong voters and active citizens,”** [according to](#) the Secretary of State’s website. As high schoolers return from summer break and refocus on academics and planning for life post-graduation, the department has a [back-](#)

**to-school pre-registration toolkit available** to encourage eligible 16- and 17-year-olds to pre-register online to vote, with their registration becoming active upon turning 18, and middle and high schools can also begin preparing to participate in the **2024 California Student Mock Election**, scheduled to take place on Oct. 8, 2024. [Learn more on the CSBA blog »](#)

## Expert MAA and LEA billing assistance



Student-centered services and medical care in the school-setting are pivotal to student success.

**Practi-Cal offers the most comprehensive Medi-Cal and Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAA) billing services** available to local educational agencies. Its broad range of expertise allows it to **identify areas of reimbursement often overlooked by others and simplifies the complicated billing process,**

while minimizing your efforts — all with no up-front costs to the district. [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

Sept. 25 | [Register](#)

Nov. 6 | [Register](#)

Feb. 12 | [Register](#)

March 4 | [Register](#)

### Equity Network Training (4 sessions)

Sept. 16-Jan.13, 2024 | [Register](#)

## In-person events

CSBA Roadshow

## Sponsors



Sept. 27 | North Bay | [Register](#)  
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](#)



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