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Legislative update: Legislation to switch from attendance to enrollment-based funding becomes a two-year bill



Senate Bill 98 (Portantino, D-Burbank), **which would provide supplemental enrollment-based funding to California's schools, became a two-year bill on July 11** and will remain under consideration in the Assembly Education Committee until next year. **CSBA has an Oppose unless Amended position** on SB 98. CSBA has long supported efforts to transition to an

enrollment-based funding methodology for public education; however, **as written, the bill does not meet CSBA's standard that any effort to transition to an enrollment-based funding methodology for the Local Control Funding Formula:**

- Include an equivalent increase in funding through a rebenching of Proposition 98.
- Be free of any mandate requirements.
- Not be done at the expense of existing funding, programs or grants within Prop 98.

Now a two-year bill, SB 98 will remain in the Assembly Education Committee for the time being. CSBA will continue to monitor the measure and will also provide an update on major TK-12 proposals after the policy committee deadline later this week. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

CSBA expert featured in COVID relief aid webinar



To address COVID-19 disruptions to education, federal and state programs directed billions in stimulus aid to K–12 schools, targeting greater funding to lower-income and high-need districts. In a July 11 webinar hosted by the Public Policy Institute of California exploring findings from its [recent report](#), **CSBA Senior Director of Research and Policy Development Mary Briggs**

joined a panel of experts discussing the funding and district strategies for learning recovery.

"The scope and scale of the pandemic's impact highlighted for the public and legislators that many of those needs we've seen highlighted — like mental health or inequities that predated the pandemic — had been under-resourced for decades," Briggs said. "We know that the recovery period will outlast the funding and we are learning along the way what kinds of things we want to continue moving forward." [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

Recognizing Disability Pride Month



Disability Pride Month is recognized each July in commemoration of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act on July 26, 1990. The act prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in areas including employment, transportation, public accommodations, communications, and state and local government services. This month **allows**

space for administrators and boards of education to evaluate how students with disabilities are being served in their local educational agencies, and to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of these students.

A recent CSBA blog [post highlights how Murrieta Valley Unified School District has been getting creative in how they meet the accommodation needs of students to best include them in academics and extracurricular activities.](#) Through districtwide

activities like the Special Olympics and the Unified physical education program, Murrieta Valley has opened up countless opportunities for students with disabilities, according to board member Linda Lunn. [Read more »](#)

Legal update: Supreme Court rules against affirmative action



Students for Fair Admissions Inc. (SFFA) v. President and Fellows of Harvard and SFFA v. University of North Carolina, two cases related to affirmative action, were both decided by the Supreme Court on June 29. **Although affirmative action has been illegal in California since 1996 when voters approved Proposition 209, the decision in the SFFA cases makes the**

consideration of race in higher education admissions unconstitutional for the entire nation. The cases were decided together in a 6-3 opinion that holds that, “because Harvard’s and UNC’s admissions programs lack sufficiently focused and measurable objectives warranting the use of race, unavoidably employ race in a negative manner, involve racial stereotyping, and lack meaningful end points, those admissions programs cannot be reconciled with the guarantees of the Equal Protection Clause.” As the quote summarizes, **the Court relied on various factors to reach its conclusion that the practice of affirmative action violates the Equal Protection Clause and is therefore unconstitutional.** [For a more detailed analysis of the case, visit the CSBA blog »](#)

Applications open for federal Full-Service Community Schools Grants



The **community school model** provides a mechanism for schools and communities to co-create a plan that addresses the unique priorities and vision of the local community. In many places, this means connecting classroom instruction to local issues to provide a real-world learning experience for students and developing strategic partnerships to support a range of services for students and families. **Applications**

for the federal Fiscal Year 2023 Full-Service Community School Grant Competition, which is providing \$73.8 million in new funding for community schools across the country, are due by Aug. 8. [Learn more and access webinars to support applicants »](#)

Let Total School Solutions help with your Facilities Master Plan



Do your facilities support your educational and programmatic goals? **A Facilities Master Plan provides a district with vital information regarding current and future needs for student housing, quality of existing facilities, and facilities renovation and expansion requirements to meet the district's educational and programmatic goals.** The master plan also

assists the district in identifying funding needs for capital improvement and developing financing options. **Total School Solutions facilities master plans include** accurate projections regarding enrollment, careful determination of school site capacity, educational specifications to ensure programmatic needs are served, a detailed need assessment, and conclusions and recommendations about the availability and timing of financing and funding. [Learn more »](#)

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Executive Assistants Certification Program (4 sessions)

July 13-Nov. 9 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

Aug. 25 | [Register](#)

Equity Network Training (4 sessions)

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

In-person events

CSBA Roadshow

Aug. 10 | Riverside/San Bernardino counties | [Register](#)

Aug. 12 | West Los Angeles County | [Register](#)

Aug. 16 | South San Diego County | [Register](#)

Aug. 30 | San Luis Obispo County | [Register](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Aug. 12 | San Marcos | [Register](#)

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