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Legislative update: Legislature releases 2023–24 budget bills



In preparation for the June 15 deadline to pass a budget bill, leadership in **the Senate and Assembly have announced an agreement on the 2023–24 budget**. Each house has put its initial budget legislation into print as **Assembly Bill 101** and **Senate Bill 101**.

The legislative budget agreement reflects the impacts of CSBA's ongoing budget advocacy and includes the most significant priorities

CSBA members and Governmental Relations staff have advocated for throughout the budget cycle, including:

- **Honoring the increase in the annual statutory cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) from 8.13 percent to 8.22 percent** for the Local Control Funding Formula and specified categorical programs.

- **Restoring most of the cuts Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed to the Arts, Music & Instructional Materials (AMIM) Discretionary Block Grant.** Under the Legislature’s agreement, the grant would be cut by \$200 million rather than the \$1.8 billion proposed by the Governor.
- **Partially restoring the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant,** from a proposed \$2.5 billion reduction in the May Revision to a \$494.5 million reduction.
- **Approving the proposed \$80 million to support juvenile court and county community schools (JCCS),** a key budget ask spearheaded by CSBA, the California County Superintendents and the Los Angeles County Office of Education. More details as to how this funding will be distributed and potential new accountability requirements will be hammered out in budget trailer bills later this summer.

[Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

Legal update: Court upholds Political Reform Act amendments under SB 1439



Senate Bill 1439 became effective on Jan. 1, 2023, amending the Political Reform Act by eliminating an exception to the prohibition on “pay-to play” campaign contribution that applied to local elected officials. Because the exception was eliminated, starting this year, **local elected officials are now subject to the campaign contribution prohibition and cannot participate in decisions with individuals or**

organizations that they received certain contributions from. [A November CSBA blog post](#) contains a more detailed analysis of the application of SB 1439.

In February 2023, about one month after the new law took effect, **eight business groups and two local officials sued the Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC)** arguing that the new law is unconstitutional under the California and U.S. constitutions. On May 25, 2023, **a Sacramento Superior Court issued a tentative decision in favor of the FPPC and holding that the law is valid on both California and U.S. constitutional grounds.** While the Superior Court’s ruling is tentative, it is expected to become the final judgment because none of the parties requested oral argument. For a more detailed analysis of the Superior Court’s decision, [visit the CSBA blog »](#)

Federal update: Protecting LGBTQ youth and communities



On June 8, the **Biden-Harris Administration announced several new actions to protect LGBTQ youth and communities.** Various federal



agencies are tasked with, among other things, **strengthening mental health resources for LGBTQ youth, launching a new federal initiative to address LGBTQ youth homelessness and advancing new regulations**

to protect LGBTQ youth in foster care. Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights is **appointing a new coordinator to take on book bans in classrooms and libraries** across the country. The coordinator will **develop training for schools regarding how book bans targeting specific communities and driving "hostile school environments" may violate federal civil rights laws.** [Learn more »](#)

In other federal news:

- The U.S. Department of Education has **published draft guidance** on the **21st Century Community Learning Centers program**. The **new frequently asked questions supersede prior guidance on the program last issued in 2003**. The **draft guidance provides an overview of the 21st CCLC program**, covers state allocations and responsibilities, addresses the state competitive grant process and allowable local uses of funds, and provides information on state and local evaluation and monitoring requirements. Stakeholders may submit comments on the draft guidance by June 16 to OESE.feedback@ed.gov.
- The Education Department also **published a final version of its updated guidance** on providing equitable services under Title I of the **Elementary and Secondary Education Act**. The guidance **adds more context to the calculation of the private school proportionate share** through surveys and other means. **Districts that use survey responses to calculate the proportionate share must ensure that the sample of responses collected is representative of the district and the students attending private school.** While the updated guidance allows districts to presume that any survey data is representative, **it also allows private schools to challenge that assertion during the consultation process.** Following a challenge, a district must engage in a review of the data and share its conclusions with private schools. **If the sample is found not to be representative of the population, the district must supplement it with data from other sources.**

CSBA Roadshow stops in Humboldt County



Share your thoughts with CSBA leadership from 6-8 p.m. on June 23 at Humboldt COE. The roadshow provides a venue for **CSBA staff and board members to connect on a more personal level while sharing your local educational agency's input to enable CSBA to more effectively advocate on behalf of members and shape its legislative, policy and research work.** Attend these [roadshows](#) to

express your opinions on public schools; network with colleagues; hear about CSBA advocacy, products and services; and enjoy complimentary refreshments. Feel free to bring a fellow school board member along for the ride. [Register »](#)

Is Humboldt County too far a trek? We're headed your way soon, so register now!

Aug. 10, 2023 | 6-8 p.m.

Riverside and San Bernardino counties – Riverside COE

[Register »](#)

Aug. 12, 2023 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

West LA County – Santa Monica

[Register »](#)

Aug. 16, 2023 | 6-8 p.m.

South San Diego County – Chula Vista

[Register »](#)

Recognize an outstanding representative with CSBA's Legislative Awards Program



Has your legislator stood up for public schools this year? The **nomination period for the 2023 CSBA Legislative Awards Program is open through Sept. 1**. For more than 30 years, CSBA has honored current members of the California Senate and Assembly, as well as members of Congress, who actively work to improve our public schools, support local school board governance and exercise leadership in the

legislative arena. CSBA encourages all school district and county office of education boards to participate in this program by **nominating a member of the California State Legislature, the California Congressional delegation or federal/state elective or appointed office**. Nominees must be from within your district boundaries. Legislators may be nominated in one of five categories: Outstanding Legislator (State or Federal); Outstanding Freshman Legislator; Special Recognition; Albert S. Rodda Lifetime Achievement Award; and Dede Alpert Award for Exemplary Education Leadership. [Learn more »](#)

High-quality, data-informed maps driven by transparency

Redistricting is the process of redrawing and rebalancing legislative and local jurisdictional district boundaries every 10 years following the decennial U.S. Census — a process that has only become more complex since the passage of the Fair Maps Act in 2019. **Redistricting Partners has developed a program that allows boards to have a fair, open redistricting that follows best**



practices and engages communities while ensuring the highest-quality final product. Redistricting Partners has partnered with CSBA to deliver districting or redistricting services to school boards in a **cost-effective way that is data informed, community driven and board focused.** [Learn more »](#)

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

Virtual events

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration

June 28 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistants Certification Program — Lambda Cohort

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

The Brown Act

Aug. 25 | [Register](#)

In-person events

CSBA Roadshow

June 23 | Humboldt County | [Register](#)

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

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

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

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

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

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Aug. 26 | Fremont | [Register](#)

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