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## Register for AEC at a discounted rate



Early registration for **CSBA's 2023 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show**, taking place Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at the Moscone West Center in San Francisco, is available through Aug. 15 at a discounted rate. The regular registration period will run from Aug. 16-Nov. 14. **Celebrate the successes of districts and county offices of education, learn from colleagues around the state and get the latest**

**information from policy experts and industry leaders. AEC offers amazing speakers, enriching learning opportunities and a variety of networking opportunities.** Whether you are a veteran board member, a superintendent, a board

support professional or a first-time attendee, you'll leave with practical ideas and a renewed commitment to help your board accomplish the critical work ahead. [Learn more and register »](#)

## Legislative update: CSBA-sponsored bills pass first house deadline



**CSBA-sponsored legislation made it through the most recent legislative gauntlet as the Senate and Assembly raced to meet the June 2 deadline to pass bills out of their house of origin.** The house of origin deadline marks the halfway point in this year's legislative calendar. It is the point at which bills introduced in either the Assembly or Senate (i.e., house of origin) must be passed by the full floor of each respective

house. Six CSBA-sponsored bills were among those that cleared this latest hurdle and moved on to their second house for consideration:

- **Assembly Bill 417 (Bennett, D-Ventura):** Would increase county boards of education's authority to appoint a student school board member by addressing a loophole in current law — in cases where a county board of education does not receive a student petition to create a student board member, AB 417 would allow students in high schools maintained by the county board of education an equal opportunity to serve on their governing board.
- **AB 483 (Muratsuchi, D-Torrance):** Would increase funding for and expand access to school-based health and mental health services by improving and streamlining the Local Education Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP).
- **AB 557 (Hart, D-Santa Barbara):** Would extend the opportunity for school district and county boards to offer virtual meeting options during states of emergency.
- **AB 1023 (Papan, D-San Mateo):** Would increase cybersecurity support for school districts by requiring the California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) at the Office of Emergency Services to include representatives from the California Department of Education (CDE) and explicitly lists school districts, county offices of education and charter schools among the specified entities with which Cal-CSIC is to coordinate information sharing.
- **Senate Bill 551 (Portantino, D-Glendale):** Would enhance the collaboration between county mental health agencies and school districts by requiring at least 20 percent of a county mental health board's membership to be employed by an LEA and at least 20 percent to be individuals who are 25 years of age or younger, with scaled requirements based on county size.
- **SB 765 (Portantino):** Would waive the 180-day mandatory waiting period LEAs must observe before hiring a recently retired teacher and increase the maximum grant award for the Teacher Residency Grant Program from \$25,000 to \$40,000 per teaching candidate.

[Read more about CSBA's sponsored bills and on other key education results »](#)

## Legal update: State officials weigh in on removal of library books and instructional materials from school settings



On June 1, 2023, **Gov. Gavin Newsom, Attorney General Rob Bonta and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond issued a [joint letter](#)** related to book bans and the legal standards that guide decisions related to limiting instructional materials in classrooms and resources available in school libraries.

Days prior, the California Department of Education issued a “[Guidance on Removal of Instruction or Instructional Materials](#)” that summarizes student rights and legal standards related to the requirements and prohibitions in instruction and instructional materials.

The **interpretation and analysis of case law, statutes and sections of the California Constitution** that are referenced and cited in the letter and guidance **are helpful in understanding the First Amendment and nondiscrimination rights held by students and the requirements for materials used and available in schools.** However, both documents are silent about the important role that school boards play in both protecting the rights of students and meeting the needs of their communities through the adoption of school instruction and instructional materials.

Several laws and cases outline this key board responsibility and discretion in relation to school library and instructional materials. In summary, **the selection of instructional materials is a much more detailed and prescribed process when compared to the loosely regulated processes for the inclusion or exclusion of books in school libraries.** Nonetheless, **in both circumstances, boards have discretion and authority to select materials that include community input.** [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

## Federal update: President signs debt ceiling legislation



On June 3, **President Joe Biden signed into law [House Resolution 3746](#), the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, which suspends the U.S. government’s \$31.4 trillion debt ceiling until January 2025**, after the next presidential election. It caps fiscal year 2024 spending levels at approximately FY 2023 levels and provides a 1 percent increase in the following year. The bill also includes a provision

encouraging Congress to pass FY 2024 appropriations bills in a timely manner or face a 1 percent cut. Other provisions include rescinding about \$30 billion in unspent COVID-19 relief funding.

The clawback of coronavirus relief funding applies to unobligated funds that remain in several federal programs including, among others, rental assistance, small business loans and broadband in rural areas. **The impact to education would affect**

approximately \$391 million in American Rescue Plan education relief funds. The education rescissions will be made only to funding that has not been obligated by the U.S. Department of Education to states, districts or institutions of higher education. There should be minimal impact, if any, to K-12 education programs in public schools. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

## Expand your expertise by participating in CSBA's MIG program



**Become a savvy board member with CSBA's Masters in Governance® program.** Through five courses covering the foundations of effective governance and setting direction; policy, judicial review, student learning and achievement; school finance; human resources and collective bargaining; and community relations, advocacy and governance integration, participants gain the knowledge and skills to drive effective

governance. **Registration for in-person and virtual MIG professional learning opportunities is now open for fall 2023 and winter and spring 2024. New this year, CSBA is offering a bundled subscription for all five courses at a discounted rate.**

[Learn more and register »](#)

## Pride Month resources: Districts supporting LGBTQ students



Local educational agencies across California have been working for years to ensure that members of the LGBTQ community feel safe and heard on their campuses. **For Pride Month, CSBA is highlighting the efforts of LEAs, organizations and experts on its blog and social media platforms.** Palo Alto Unified School District has a number of [supports](#) in place for LGBTQ students such as resources and initiatives for students,

families and teachers, including a district-developed [LGBTQ LibGuide](#) for elementary and middle schools.

Along with providing resources for students and staff, **Oakland USD, San Diego USD and Santa Clara County Office of Education are among the LEAs that participate in the national OUT for Safe Schools program, which was born out of a partnership between Los Angeles USD and the Los Angeles LGBT Center in 2013.** OUT badges help to identify safe spaces and allow school personnel to signal to students that they are an ally and/or are willing to talk to students and families about LGBTQ concerns. **Any districts or COEs can contact the center with training requests or to inquire about bringing the program to their campuses.** [Lesson plans](#) around topics like the Civil Rights movement and the FAIR Act can be downloaded on the center's website. Los

Angeles COE also participates in the program and has resources on its [website](#) for educators, families/parents and youth, including a [toolkit](#) on creating safe spaces for LGBTQ youth and links to age-appropriate instructional activities and guides. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

## Coverage you need to ensure student and district safety



Accidents happen. Are your students covered? To help members best address insurance-related issues, **CSBA has joined forces with California's leading provider of student accident and sickness insurance.** Myers-Stevens & Toohy is a full-service administrator based in Southern California that has worked closely with public K-12 schools for over 35 years.

**CSBA's sponsored catastrophic injury coverage is affordable and can be extended to cover all school activities,** including travel to and from home and school. [Learn more »](#)

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

## Virtual events

### MIG Course 3: School Finance Part 1 and Part 2

June 14-15 | [Register](#)

### MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining

June 16-17 | [Register](#)

### 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**

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June 7 | Sacramento County | [Register](#)

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](#)

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

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