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### AEC begins tomorrow!



Are you ready for CSBA's 2024 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show (AEC) in Anaheim from Dec. 5-7? **Download the app and start planning your schedule, find directions and shuttle information, connect with fellow attendees** and more. Download the AEC app by searching for "**Cvent Events**" in the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Android Play](#). You can also **[view the online schedule here](#)**. After

entering your first name, last name and email address, a verification code will be sent to your email. Contact [aec@csba.org](mailto:aec@csba.org) for more information.

In addition to dynamic keynote speakers, thought-provoking sessions and a bustling Trade Show Floor, AEC also provides **opportunities for networking with colleagues from around the state**. From **mixers and events hosted by CSBA Business Affiliates and Partners** and other groups attending AEC, to **receptions hosted by CSBA programs and staff — including the Education Workforce Housing Mixer, Legal Services Reception and PAC Reception** — attendees will have plenty of opportunities to learn about valuable services and connect with peers! [Learn more »](#)

## New CSBA report on later school start times highlights challenges and opportunities



With the passage of Senate Bill 328, **California became the first state in the country to mandate later school start times for middle and high schools**. Opposed by CSBA due to its one-size-fits-all approach and infringement on local control, the bill **required that middle schools start no earlier than 8 a.m. and high schools no earlier than 8:30 a.m. by the 2022–23 academic year**.

CSBA's Research and Education Policy Development Department conducted a **holistic project throughout 2023–24 to measure the law's impact at the local level**, with findings in a new report derived from a statewide survey that received 325 responses and represented more than 200 local educational agencies. [Waking up to reality: The unintended consequences of mandated later school start times in California](#) details findings on **issues related to missed instructional time and other extracurricular impacts; transportation and lighting; staffing; inequitable impacts on students and families; and even opportunities presented by the change, as well as policy recommendations**. [Read the report »](#)

## Now available: Fall edition of *California Schools* magazine



The latest edition of *California Schools* magazine includes **in-depth looks at how local educational agencies are tackling the complicated issue of school safety** with multi-pronged approaches; ways in which LEAs across the state are **helping all students forge a path toward the future through STEAM education**; and challenges associated with the state's re-embrace of **bilingual education and dual language immersion, as well as the benefits for English learner students in**

**particular.** This issue also includes **interviews with Jessica Rosenworcel, chair of the Federal Communications Commission**, and Yolo County Office of Education trustee Shelton Yip; **columns examining the importance of data-driven decision-making**, the importance of **governance team relationships**, the **CSBA lawsuit against the state over Proposition 98 manipulations** and much more! [Read the full issue online now »](#)

## 2024 Education Legal Alliance annual report details current efforts



**CSBA's Education Legal Alliance (ELA) is a consortium of school districts, county offices of education and Regional Occupational Centers/Programs** that joined together in 1992 to create a powerful force to **pursue and defend a broad spectrum of statewide public education interests before state and federal courts, state agencies and the Legislature.** The ELA initiates and supports legal activities in issues of **statewide significance to all California schools.**

This past year, the ELA has worked on issues related to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, lookback provisions related to childhood sexual abuse claims under Assembly Bill 218, charter school contractual issues and appeals, special education, the First Amendment and more. [Read the 2024 ELA annual report »](#)

## What's Your Why? with Vanitha Daniel, Lammersville USD



As an educator and trustee for the Lammersville Unified School District, Vanitha Daniel understands the value of public education and aims to leave no student behind. **"We are providing the best to our students in a public school system and we are putting our heart and souls into it," Daniel said.**

"What's Your Why" is a series of video vignettes featuring school district and county office of education board members describing why they became trustees and why they continue to serve California public schools.

[Watch Daniel's and other What's Your Why? videos »](#)

## School Boards in Action: 5 Questions with Madonna M. Gerrell, Palm Springs USD



In CSBA's continuing effort to highlight the hard



work and effective practices of boards throughout the state, the association's 5 Questions blog series shares the experiences of board members. In this interview, **Palm Springs Unified School District Board President Madonna M. Gerrell** discusses strategies to foster a positive relationship with the community, details the importance of asking questions and listening

and more. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

Interested in participating in CSBA's 5 Questions series? Email [editor@csba.org](mailto:editor@csba.org).

## LexisNexis can help LEAs navigate legal issues board members face



CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services team has partnered with LexisNexis® to publish the updated *California Education Laws and Regulations* — a go-to legal reference for CSBA members, school administrators, education attorneys and K-12 educational professionals throughout California. From a legal perspective, the world of education is complicated and

governing boards deal with everything from curriculum, special education, facilities and finance to torts, discrimination and the Family Medical Leave Act. **LexisNexis can help LEAs navigate the entire range of legal issues that board members face.** [Learn more »](#)

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

## Virtual events

**Masters in Governance Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/ Governance Integration**  
Dec. 18-19 | [Register](#)

**Student Board Member Training: Understanding Budget and Resource Allocation**  
Jan. 13 | [Register](#)

**Masters in Governance Course 1: Effective Governance/Setting Direction**  
Jan. 15-16 | [Register](#)

## Sponsors



**Executive Assistant: Understanding Culture 1A/1B**

Jan. 16-17 | [Register](#)

**Orientation for New Trustees**

Jan. 22 | [Register](#)

**Orientation for New Trustees for COEs**

Jan. 22 | [Register](#)



## In-person events

**2024 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show**

Dec. 5-7 | Anaheim | [Register](#)

**Masters in Governance Course 1: Effective Governance/Setting Direction**

Jan. 9 | Woodland | [Register](#)

**Masters in Governance Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review**

Jan. 10 | Woodland | [Register](#)

**Masters in Governance Course 3: School Finance, Parts 1 & 2**

Jan. 11 | Woodland | [Register](#)

**Masters in Governance Course 1: Effective Governance/Setting Direction**

Jan. 11 | Visalia | [Register](#)

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