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## Governor delivers January Budget Proposal



On Jan. 10, **Gov. Gavin Newsom** presented his **2024–25 January Budget Proposal**. **CSBA Governmental Relations** staff will provide a full breakdown of the proposed budget in an email communication and **blog** post later today and will offer even more clarity during a **webinar** scheduled for 3 p.m. on Jan. 11.

CSBA President Albert Gonzalez offered an **initial reaction** to the proposal, saying:

**“We applaud Gov. Gavin Newsom for demonstrating his commitment to public education by funding schools above the Proposition 98 Minimum Guarantee, even**

during times of budgetary stress, and hope the Legislature will follow the Governor's lead in prioritizing public schools. The Governor's proposal reflects many of our budget priorities, such as maintaining the Local Control Funding Formula at existing levels, providing for the continued rollout of transitional kindergarten, and preserving resources for student mental health and maintaining previous gains in special education funding. **We are concerned to see a reduction in school facilities funding and a cost-of-living adjustment below 1 percent, but understand a \$38 billion deficit demands tradeoffs. Overall, the Governor's budget maintains the resources and flexibility schools benefited from in recent years** and provides funding to accelerate post-pandemic learning, address the youth mental health crisis and help to prepare for the expiration of COVID relief funding.”

## Webinar: CSBA's 2024 Governor's Budget Proposal breakdown



Are you ready to respond to the most challenging budget season in more than a decade? **Get prepared with a special webinar reviewing the Governor's January Budget Proposal and its implications for schools across California. Join CSBA on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 3 p.m. to learn how California's \$68 billion state budget deficit will impact education funding and the budget planning process for local educational**

**agencies.**

During the presentation, CSBA Governmental Relations staff will respond to Gov. Gavin Newsom's announcement, **answer member questions on school funding, and review CSBA advocacy priorities for the 2024–25 state budget cycle** including but not limited to protecting the local flexibility within the Local Control Funding Formula and maintaining LCFF funding levels; supporting student mental health; rebenching Prop 98 to support the full rollout of transitional kindergarten; providing small districts and county offices of education additional flexibility to address their distinct needs; and helping LEAs address staffing shortages. [Register now »](#)

## CSBA Research Update: California School Dashboard research update



In the latest video update from the CSBA Research and Education Policy Development Department, **Principal Research Manager Jeremy Anderson** reviews highlights from the **Dec. 15 California School Dashboard** release and shares how governance teams can use **local performance data to drive decisions and improve equity and community relationships.**

[Watch now »](#)

## State update: Grant to improve small school districts' facilities



On Jan. 4, the U.S. Department of Education announced that **the California Department of Education will receive \$4.99 million for improving school facilities in small districts** via the Supporting America's School Infrastructure Grant Program. More than half of California school districts are considered small, defined as enrollment of 2,500 or fewer students. These districts often face greater challenges in

maintaining and upgrading facilities due to factors such as lack of funding compared to their larger counterparts and fewer staff devoted to facilities and maintenance.

The **grant will be used to support the infrastructure needs of small and rural districts via initiatives like a direct technical assistance program** where school facility professionals will visit districts to assess facility needs and provide cost estimates, funding options and coordination of facility contracts free of charge while potentially training local staff on the cycles of facilities maintenance and capital outlay. It will **also fund the development of a facility practitioner network to support small and rural districts and related online resources as well as a statewide school facilities maintenance specialist position at CDE** to "serve as a liaison with county offices of education to further advance the work of maintaining school sites and support small school districts." [Learn more »](#)

### In other state news:

- **Additional materials are now available on the CDE's Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools [webpage](#), including new resources and updates to the existing [FAQ](#).** Questions address the apportionment and use of funds and provide information regarding expenditure reporting, annual audits and waivers. [Learn more »](#)

## Federal update: Interim final rule on summer meals



Effective since December, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has published its **interim final rule on summer meal programs**. The rule amends Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option (SSO) regulations codifying flexibility for rural program operators to offer non-congregate meal services in the SFSP and SSO. Additionally, it **establishes and codifies the**

**Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT)** program in the Code of Federal Regulations. **Written comments are due by April 29.** [Learn more »](#)

### In other federal news:

- **Public comment on the Federal Communications Commission's proposed Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program are being accepted through Jan. 29.** Reply comments are due by Feb. 27. [Learn more »](#)
- In anticipation of the U.S. Department of Labor's notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that will include significant changes to regulatory framework for registered apprenticeship programs, a **webinar has been scheduled for Jan. 11 to give an overview of the NPRM and the process for submitting comments during the 60-day comment period that will take place when it is published in the Federal Register.**

## CSBA President celebrates School Board Recognition Month



As School Board Recognition Month continues, **CSBA President Albert Gonzalez shares his appreciation for fellow board of education members and their tireless work to support the state's nearly 6 million public school students in a video statement.**

"We know you didn't run for school board for the praise or for the glamour. You certainly didn't do it for the money. You did it because you care deeply about children and are invested in public schools as a means of changing lives and uplifting communities," Gonzalez said. **"This is your month. You are appreciated. Thank you for volunteering your time and giving your heart and soul to public schools. This is a gift that will echo for generations."** [Watch now »](#)

## Register for the CSBA Equity Network Training



CSBA's Equity Network Training: Governance



with an equity lens provides a platform for governance teams consisting of one superintendent and two trustees to collaborate and build capacity to govern through the lens of equity — helping to support opportunities and outcomes for historically marginalized students.

Through four virtual sessions, **facilitators will offer best practices that can be immediately adapted and implemented** at the school level while engaging all stakeholders and encouraging student voice as a valued and necessary contributor to positive change towards equity. [Learn more and register today](#) »

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

## Virtual events

### Student Board Member Trainings

Advocacy and Engagement | Jan. 29 |

[Register](#)

Transition Planning, Legacy Building, and Next steps | April 15 | [Register](#)

### Student Board Member Governance Q&A and Networking

Feb. 12 | [Register](#)

March 4 | [Register](#)

### MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Feb. 21-22 | [Register](#)

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

Feb. 26-March 18 | [Register](#)

### Governance with an Equity Lens

March 1-4 | [Register](#)

### MIG Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review

March 13-14 | [Register](#)

### The Brown Act

March 26 | [Register](#)

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

## Sponsors



April 3-4 | [Register](#)

## In-person events

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

Feb. 3 | Sunnyvale | [Register](#)

### **The Brown Act**

Feb. 20 | Riverside | [Register](#)

### **Recentering Governance Practices with an Equity Lens**

March 1-4 | West Sacramento | [Register](#)

### **2024 CSBA County Board Governance Workshop**

March 8-9 | Sacramento | [Register](#)

### **MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration**

March 16 | Sunnyvale | [Register](#)

### **Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip**

April 8-10 | Washington, D.C. | [Register](#)

[View complete calendar](#)

