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Secure your spot for Coast2Coast in spring 2025



Early registration for the 2025 **Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip** is now open. The fourth-annual trip to Washington, D.C. hosted by CSBA and the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) will take place April 28-30. **Don't miss this chance to make an impact and advocate for the issues affecting the state's nearly 6 million K-12 students on a national stage!**

This event unites district and county board members, superintendents and other key

officials from across California, **offering a unique opportunity to engage with policymakers and influencers in the capital.** Over the first two days, participants will attend sessions on federal education policy, network with prominent D.C. figures and engage in briefings with Capitol Hill decision-makers and influencers. The event culminates in face-to-face meetings with California's congressional representatives.

[Learn more and register »](#)

Pass a resolution in support of Proposition 2



CSBA is asking school district and county office of education board members across the state to help increase awareness and support for Proposition 2 — the Kindergarten through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024 — by adopting a board resolution in support of the bond.

Proposition 2, which will appear on the November general election ballot, will fund new construction, modernization of existing facilities and much-needed improvements such as STEM, career technical education and other facilities. TK-12 education would receive \$8.5 billion and \$1.5 billion would be allocated for community colleges.

To help trustees with their advocacy, CSBA has created a Proposition 2 Toolkit, which includes frequently asked questions and a sample resolution school boards can adopt. Please submit your local educational agency's resolution to CSBA to advocacy@csba.org. Resolutions will be used to help demonstrate the widespread support for Proposition 2 by those in the field. [Download the sample resolution »](#)

If you have questions or need more information, please contact CSBA's Governmental Relations team at advocacy@csba.org. [Visit CSBA's website for more Prop 2-related resources »](#)

Register for CSBA webinar on AI in schools



Join school board members, superintendents, IT chiefs and CSBA staff at 10 a.m. on Oct. 30 for the webinar "**Artificial Intelligence in Schools: Promise, peril, policy and performance,**" which will provide a primer for local educational agencies grappling with the impact of AI. Panelists in this 90-minute webinar will examine major considerations for school districts and county offices of education to help guard against

the downsides of AI while leveraging its significant potential for the benefit of students, staff and community.

Panelists will walk attendees through **critical policy areas and everyday scenarios**

related to AI management in schools. Participants will benefit from discussions on the implications of AI for privacy, student performance, accountability, equity, plagiarism, labor relations, due process, security and more. This is **essential viewing for governance teams seeking AI policy guidance from a real-world perspective developed specifically for California public schools.** [Register »](#)

Federal update: Cybersecurity resource guide for schools



A new **cybersecurity resource guide** to assist schools and libraries in evaluating their risks and finding the most impactful cybersecurity solutions was published by the U.S. Department of Education, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency on Oct. 2.

The guide includes cybersecurity guidance and recommends resources to assist in securing schools and libraries' broadband networks as well as free and low-cost options to protect themselves. It also offers a framework that schools can use to identify solutions that meet their individual needs. Additionally, the document can be a tool for schools as they complete applications for the FCC's **Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program**, which will provide up to \$200 million to selected participants to cover costs related to cybersecurity equipment and services. [Read the guide »](#)

Pre-conference activities at AEC



A handful of pre-conference professional development opportunities for both new and more seasoned trustees will be available on Dec. 4 in Anaheim before the [Annual Education Conference and Trade Show](#) (AEC) takes place Dec. 5-7.

Activities include a **Legal Symposium for Experienced Board Members** where attorneys

will offer perspective on common legal situations and the **Board Presidents Workshop**, which provides participants the strategies and tools to effectively lead. **Orientation for New Trustees** offers recently elected board members the essential resources and information needed to successfully navigate the first few months of their term. A session on **Advanced Governance Skills for Transformational Leadership** — designed for board members and superintendents who have served at least four years, attended two AECs and completed the Masters in Governance® program — will cover districtwide best practices. There will also be two opportunities for attendees to take the **California School Board Ethics Training**, which meets the requirements of Assembly Bill 2158. [Learn more and register »](#)

What's Your Why? With Manteca USD's Eric Duncan



While serving his community and uplifting its youth, **Manteca Unified School District trustee Eric Duncan was encouraged to run for a seat on the school board**, "I walked into it blindly and I really love the fact that I made this decision because I really enjoy governance," Duncan 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. [View Duncan's and other videos from the "What's Your Why" series »](#)

Business Affiliate Webinar: Accelerating student growth through high-impact tutoring



High-impact tutoring (HIT) has emerged as an effective solution to enhance academic achievement and engagement. By aligning personalized tutoring with classroom instruction, HIT offers a path to significant learning gains for all students.

Join CSBA Business Affiliate Lincoln Learning

Solutions for a [webinar](#) at 11 a.m. on Oct. 22 where participants will learn about the research-backed core elements that make high-impact tutoring an effective **strategy**; explore strategies to accelerate student growth through data-driven, personalized learning; gain an understanding of how to build a collaborative community of stakeholders to ensure equitable access and support for tutoring initiatives; **and leave with actionable resources and tools to implement HIT successfully in their schools.**

[Register »](#)

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](#).

Sponsors

Virtual events

**Student Board Member Training:
Mastering Meeting Protocol and
Stakeholder Engagement**
Oct. 14 | [Register](#)

**Executive Assistant
Omicron: Governance Integration**
Oct. 18 | [Register](#)

Masters in Governance Course 3: School Finance
Oct. 23-24 | [Register](#)

Student Board Member Networking Call
Nov. 4 | [Register](#)

Masters in Governance Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining
Nov. 6-7 | [Register](#)

The Role of the School Board in Achieving Equity Through Strategic Budgeting
Nov. 14-15 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act
Nov. 15 | [Register](#)

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

In-person events

Small School District Financial Workshop
Nov. 2 | San Jose | [Register](#)

What Board Presidents and Executive Assistants Need to Know About the Brown Act
Oct. 22 | Redding | [Register](#)

Masters In Governance Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration
Nov. 16 | Camarillo | [Register](#)

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158
Nov. 18 | 1:30-3 p.m. | Downey | [Register](#)
Nov. 18 | 5-7:30 p.m. | Downey | [Register](#)

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