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Election snapshot: Strong chance Proposition 2 will pass; Democrats maintain super majority in State Legislature



At 9:42 this morning, the California Secretary of State's office provided its most recent update on statewide election results. **Proposition 2, the state school facilities bond, is passing with 56.8 percent of voters in favor and 43.2 percent opposed. This margin looks likely to hold with 36 of the state's 58 counties reporting that a majority of voters support the bond. In all of California's most populated counties, Prop 2 is passing with wide margins. The \$10 billion bond will provide much needed funding for the**

state School Facilities Program, where \$8.5 billion will be available to K-12 school districts and county offices of education to help modernize existing facilities and build new schools.

In the Legislature, there may be a change in its partisan make up where Democrats could see an increase in their numbers in the State Assembly but a decrease in the State Senate. In the Assembly, where all 80 seats are up for election, Democrats may increase their Caucus by one with a possible flip in Assembly District 47, which encompasses portions of Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Democrats currently hold 62 of the 80 seats in the Assembly. In Senate District 37, which covers parts of Orange and Los Angeles counties, the current chair of the Senate Education Committee Josh Newman is trailing his Republican opponent, former Assemblymember Steven Choi, by a significant margin. Democrats currently hold 31 of the 40 seats in the Senate.

Votes continue to be tabulated in all 58 counties and county registrars have 30 days to finalize and submit their election results to Secretary of State Shirley Weber, who has 38 days from the date of the election to certify results.

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month



Since joining the California Legislature in 2018 as its first Native American representative, Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-Highland) has worked to **re-educate the public and protect the rights of Native American youth in the classroom and beyond.** November marks **Native American Heritage Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the rich ancestry and traditions** of Native Americans and **recognize their**

invaluable contributions to the U.S. In 2022, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed into law the **California Indian Education Act**, which encourages local educational agencies to create California Indian Education task forces that include representatives of area Native American tribes and educators to develop relevant curriculum and classroom materials, among other aims.

This year, Ramos followed up his 2022 legislation with Assembly Bill 1821, which was recently signed into law by Newsom. The new law will **require that California students learn about the impact on California Native Americans of the Spanish Colonization and Gold Rush eras.** “For far too long California’s First People and their history have been ignored or misrepresented,” Ramos said in a press release. “Classroom instruction about Spanish colonization and Gold Rush periods fails to include the loss of life, enslavement, starvation, illness and violence inflicted upon California Native Americans.”

[Read more about the new laws and model curriculum being developed »](#)

Last chance to register for AEC before price increases



Join CSBA at the **2024 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show (AEC)** in Anaheim



from Dec. 5-7, **where education leaders come together to learn from one another, sharpen their governance skills and bring back strategies** to enhance their local educational agency's operations and support students and staff. **AEC features three General Sessions with**

informative and inspiring keynote speakers; hundreds of sessions related to access for all; governance strategies and practices; mental health, wellness and student safety; student and community engagement; digital transformation; and funding and finance; plus **pre-conference events, meal functions and networking**. Gain valuable insights that can be used to better your LEA at AEC! **Register before the price increases on Nov. 13. [Learn more and register »](#)**

Legal update: The latest TikTok lawsuit brought by 13 states and Washington, D.C.



On Oct. 8, 2024, **a coalition of 14 attorneys general, including California Attorney General Rob Bonta, filed lawsuits in their respective states and Washington, D.C. against the social media giant TikTok for allegedly exploiting and harming young users and deceiving the public about the dangers of using the platform.** The **California lawsuit**, filed in Santa Clara County Superior Court, **asks the court to assess**

penalties and order injunctive and monetary relief. According to the complaint, TikTok's business practices violate California's Business and Professions Code by making false and misleading statements, and are unlawful unfair, and/or fraudulent. The complaint also alleges that **TikTok unlawfully collects and uses children's data without parental consent, in violation of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act**, a federal law. **[Learn more on the CSBA blog »](#)**

CSBA webinar offers the governance perspective on AI



Artificial intelligence (AI) technologies are evolving quickly, and with those advances come many opportunities and challenges for TK-12 schools. Whether from a policy or curricular perspective, **governing board members are looking for support, which is why CSBA created its AI Taskforce: Education in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.** After nearly a year of work, the taskforce hosted its first webinar, "Artificial

Intelligence in Schools: Promise, peril, policy and performance," on Oct. 30. The webinar featured CSBA experts and district leaders outlining the major considerations for local educational agencies as they seek to leverage AI's significant potential to benefit students, staff and community while also safeguarding against potential downsides. It

showcased the [AI Taskforce](#)'s online library, which features resources and news, resolutions, scenarios and promising practices and policies.

The webinar covered **CSBA sample policies that have been updated to incorporate the use of AI in schools, such as those related to employee and student use of technology, homework, academic honesty and assessment.** All updated policies are available to subscribers of GAMUT Policy. Other presenters shared the **importance of thoughtful policy adoption and implementation**, how **resolutions can be used to fill gaps** in policy guidance, and how **LEA leaders can use the various AI scenarios** to anticipate issues, craft policy, identify professional development opportunities, and communicate with stakeholders. [Watch the webinar](#) | [View the slides](#) | [Read a recap](#)

CSBA's Cash Reserve Program can help your LEA manage state deferrals



The **California School Cash Reserve Program** helps guard against temporary cash flow shortages in a safe, cost-effective way by creating an additional cash reserve to the general fund. Now in partnership with **California Association of School Business Officials**, CSBA's Cash Reserve Program has provided local educational agencies with a **reliable and cost-effective short-term cash flow**

funding option for over 30 years. Participants issue Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANs) through a streamlined, pooled process. Learn more about how the Cash Reserve Program can offer low borrowing costs and flexible repayment terms, with easy and efficient administration. [Learn more »](#)

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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

Sponsors



Jan. 15-16 | [Register](#)

In-person events

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

Nov. 18 | Downey | 1:30 p.m. | [Register](#)

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2024 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show

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

Masters in Governance (MIG) Course 1: Effective Governance/Setting Direction

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

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

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

MIG Course 3: School Finance, Parts 1 & 2

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

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