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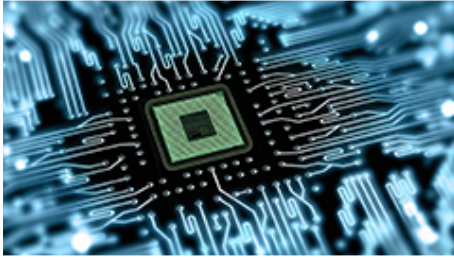
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AEC call for proposals is now open



CSBA is now **accepting workshop and table talk proposals for the 2024 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in Anaheim, Dec. 5-7**. Does your district or county office of education have a groundbreaking program or initiative you're eager to showcase to fellow local educational agencies? This is your chance! **Visit the [AEC website](#) to view the call for proposal requirements, criteria for a strong proposal, strand descriptions, workshop and table talk details, presenter types and more.** Proposals **must be submitted by May 3, 2024**. Don't miss your chance to share your knowledge and expertise with colleagues from across the state. [Learn more »](#)

Submit your LEAs' artificial intelligence (AI) resolutions



Members of the [CSBA AI Taskforce](#) are requesting that local educational agencies that have adopted AI-related resolutions submit them to CSBA for inclusion in an online resource page that schools across the state can reference as they develop their own protocols.

Education leaders are at varying stages of AI adoption and integration and can benefit from accessing these materials in one central location as they establish a vision for AI use in the preK-12 setting and communicate it to stakeholders. **Please email your resolutions to Karina Arroyo at karroyo@csba.org.** A link to the page will be sent to CSBA members in the near future.

Resources for newly elected trustees



CSBA is excited to introduce the [new member resources](#) webpage — a collection of reports, training materials, reference sheets and other informational content that can help new and first-term board members effectively navigate the beginning of their journey in governance.

CSBA looks forward to supporting new trustees as they aim to positively impact students in school districts and county office of education throughout the state. [Learn more »](#)

Federal update: Council established to enhance K-12 cybersecurity



On March 28, federal officials [announced](#) the next step in enhancing K-12 cybersecurity with the launch of the **Government Coordinating Council (GCC) for the Education Facilities Subsector** by the U.S. Department of Education and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

“This new council signifies an unprecedented level of collaboration between federal, state, tribal and local governments to protect schools from cybersecurity threats,” according to the Education Department. “In recent years, the K-12 cybersecurity landscape has become increasingly complex, with school districts across the country experiencing ransomware attacks that shut down schools and data breaches that expose sensitive health, financial, and educational data on students,

families and staff. **The formation of the GCC is a direct response to these challenges, aiming to foster a more resilient and secure K-12 digital infrastructure through structured dialogue and shared best practices.** [Learn more »](#)

California LEAs ramp up support for multilingual learners



April is National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month — a time to recognize efforts local educational agencies are making to uplift the cultural and linguistic assets of K-12 students. The ability to speak more than one language is increasingly being celebrated and encouraged in education. California's [English Learner \(EL\) Roadmap Policy](#), [State Seal of Biliteracy](#) program and the launch of the federal

[Being Bilingual is a Superpower](#) initiative are some recent examples of steps being taken to support high-quality language programs.

“In today’s interconnected, multicultural society, being multilingual is a global competency that creates bridges to opportunities. Multilingualism is an asset that encourages interconnectedness with families and strengthens multiethnic communities,” said Alma Carina Castro, Lynwood Unified School District board vice president and director of state and policy partnerships at the California Association for Bilingual Education. Lynwood USD champions multilingual learning through an annual recognition of those participating in biliteracy pathways and other events, via board policy and Local Control and Accountability Plan investments to meet related goals, and by partnering with Los Angeles County Office of Education’s Multilingual Academic Support unit for professional development. [Learn about developments in other LEAs and access related resources on the CSBA blog »](#)

Safe breathing-zone delivered directly to districts



The quality of air in school buildings can affect everything from student achievement to absenteeism to teacher retention. **LifeWings Peak Performance provides the Safer Air Initiative to provide guidance and expertise on creating safe and healthy air in local educational agencies.** Through assessment, financial support and strategic planning, LifeWings can help LEAs tap into the billions of dollars in

federal and state aid to ensure your students and staff can breathe freely. [Learn more »](#)

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

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Virtual events

Executive Assistants Certification Program - Xi cohort

April 11-June 21 | [Register](#)

Student Board Member Trainings

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

The Role of the School Board in Achieving Equity Through Strategic Budgeting

April 19-20 | [Register](#)

May 31-June 1 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining

May 15-16 | [Register](#)

2024 CCSA Virtual Spring Workshop

May 17 | [Register](#)

In-person events

Small School District Financial Workshop

April 20 | Fowler | [Register](#)

What Executive Assistants and Board Presidents Need to Know About the Brown Act

May 1 | Stanislaus | [Register](#)

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

May 8 | West Sacramento | [Register](#)

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