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Legislative update: CSBA pursues sponsored bill package



The 2024 legislative session is in full swing as policy committees in both the Senate and the Assembly work their way through the thousands of new bills introduced since January. **Among the measures under consideration is a package of CSBA-sponsored bills that together would reduce administrative workloads associated with the substantial number of reports required of local educational agencies, ensure that the state provides much-needed support to small school districts in the acquisition of state bond funds, and help improve and clarify the school district and county office of education charter authorizing processes.**

Senate Bill 1315 (Archuleta, D-Pico Rivera) would require the **California Department of Education (CDE)** to produce a report on the number of state and federal reports required of LEAs in order to assess the number, type and scope of reports and identify where information could be condensed and where some reports could be eliminated — helping LEAs free up more time and resources to provide for the needs of California’s students. **Assembly Bill 2831 (Hoover, R-Folsom)** proposes to establish an Office of Small School District Facilities and Construction within the CDE that would **help provide small school districts with the critical support and technical assistance they need to secure statewide facilities bond funding**. **SB 1380 (Dodd, D-Napa)** would close a legal loophole that allows the district and countywide benefit charter authorizing processes to be used interchangeably, protects the integrity of the countywide charter authorization process, and better aligns the countywide authorization process with the review of the fiscal and community impacts that already exist in the district authorization process. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

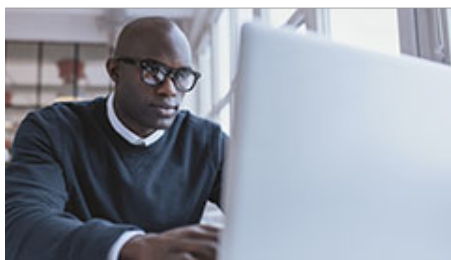
Share your local educational agency’s exemplary program at AEC



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 successful and innovative program or initiative you're eager to showcase to fellow LEAs? 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 Friday, May 3, 2024.** Don't miss your chance to share your knowledge and expertise with colleagues from across the state. [Learn more and submit your proposal »](#)

Sign up for state-required ethics training



CSBA's Ethics Assembly Bill 2158 training, developed in response to new legislation, will give a comprehensive overview of the conflict-of-interest laws applicable to school board members, including hypothetical situations for deeper learning and additional resources. A certificate of completion will be awarded upon successful completion of this training. **AB 2158 amended the Government Code to require**

local agency officials to complete ethics trainings every two years during their term. Unlike other local agency officials, board members are subject to the ethics training requirement whether or not the member receives any type of compensation, salary,

stipend or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties. Four virtual training opportunities are available. Register for: [June 20](#) | [July 23](#) | [Aug. 14](#) | [Oct. 2](#)

State update: New rule for epinephrine in schools



The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in partnership with the California Department of Education has issued a statewide standing order to help reduce morbidity and mortality associated with anaphylaxis by facilitating the distribution and administration of epinephrine in California schools. **This standing order authorizes a California school district, county office of education or charter school to**

obtain epinephrine auto injectors for elementary schools, junior high schools, middle schools and high schools. [Learn more, including how to access an LEA application to request a standing order for epinephrine »](#)

Federal update: California 2024 Green Ribbon schools awarded



The **2024 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools, District Sustainability Awardees, and Postsecondary Sustainability Awardees** were announced **April 26**. Across the country, 41 schools, 10 districts, three postsecondary institutions and one early learning center are being honored for their innovative efforts to reduce environmental impact and utility costs, improve

health and wellness and offer effective sustainability education. **California's public school honorees are Cabrillo Unified School District in San Mateo County, Claremont USD in Los Angeles County, Rio School District in Ventura County and Trabuco Elementary School of Saddleback Valley USD in Orange County.** In addition, George Garcia of the California Department of Education was recognized with the Director's Award.

In other federal news:

- **Applications are open through May 13 for the National Professional Development discretionary grant program focusing on improving instruction for English learners** through pre-service and in-service professional development activities, including by providing grants for effective pre-service professional development programs that will increase the number and diversity of fully licensed or certified bilingual or multilingual teachers. Grants are awarded for this program to public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education and public and

private entities with experience and capacity, in consortia with state and local educational agencies. Further information is available [here](#).

- **Applications are open through May 13 for the Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP), which provides funding to create or revise magnet schools that are under required or voluntary desegregation plans.** The competition has four competitive preference priorities, including priorities that “address an LEA’s need for MSAP funding, the evidence base undergirding the LEA’s program design for new or significantly revitalized magnet schools, the means of student selection for admission including use of lotteries and other non-academic means, and attention to socioeconomic factors in promoting diversity.” Further information is available [here](#).

Convert property ownership into an active asset

**Property
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Property Planning Solutions by DCG Strategies aims to **help school leaders explore the ways in which their real estate assets can be leveraged to secure additional funding for district initiatives, equip students with the education and experiences they need to be successful, invest in deferred facilities maintenance and capital improvements, reduce cost and liability from holding closed or grossly underutilized**

sites, bolster general fund reserves and even attract new staff. School leaders and board members can gain access to real estate experts that work to align a local educational agency’s priorities with the realities of the real estate market. Services include real estate consulting, property planning, strategic asset management, educator housing development and real property brokerage services. [Learn more »](#)

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

Virtual events

Webinar: CSBA leadership and Transitional Working Group to discuss essential role of county boards

May 8 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/ Collective Bargaining

May 15-16 | [Register](#)

2024 CCSA Virtual Spring Workshop

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May 17 | [Register](#)

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

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

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration

June 12-13 | [Register](#)

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

June 20 | [Register](#)

July 23 | [Register](#)

Aug. 14 | [Register](#)

Oct. 10 | [Register](#)



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In-person events

2024 May Delegate Assembly Meeting

May 18-19 | Sacramento | [Register](#)

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration

June 1 | Salinas | [Register](#)

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