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## CSBA rallies school boards and education community against Prop 98 maneuver



CSBA's leadership is rallying against an unconstitutional Prop 98 maneuver that would deprive schools of billions of dollars in future years. The advocacy has attracted significant attention since Gov. Gavin Newsom doubled down on this accounting gimmick in the **May Revise**. After the Governor's staff revealed the details of his 2024–25 budget proposal, experts from CSBA, Children Now and the education law

firm Dannis Woliver Kelley dissected Gov. Gavin Newsom's May Budget Revision during a May 15 webinar, "May Revise: Prop 98 under siege." The Governor's decision to amplify his Prop 98 maneuver led the discussion. **As explained by CSBA in this [CalMatters column](#)**, "This maneuver may seem innocuous on its face — or even generous — as it could ease the pain of the 2024–25 budget. Yet, in reality, this sleight of hand would reduce education funding by tens of billions of dollars in the years to come and remove the funding safety net Proposition 98 has provided schools for more than three decades."

**CSBA has created a suite of resources for local educational agencies to use in their Prop 98 advocacy**, including talking points, a sample resolution opposing the Governor's 2024–25 May Revise Budget for violating the State Constitution and reducing school funding, summaries of how the state got to this point in budget negotiations, CSBA's May Revise webinar, a budget presentation template to help share the precarious budget situation with your communities, and more. **[Visit the budget resources webpage »](#)**

## Federal update: Resources to support attendance



As part of the **[Every Day Counts Summit](#)**, which featured evidence-based approaches to improving school attendance, the Biden Administration announced the **[Education Innovation and Research grant program](#)**, making available approximately \$250 million to create, develop, implement and replicate evidence-based solutions that accelerate student achievement, including those designed to reduce chronic absenteeism

and increase student engagement. **[New resources and tools](#)** include guidance on how to **use data to identify students who are chronically absent and intervene early**; a **[new toolkit](#)** for states and districts to examine **root causes of chronic absenteeism and identify interventions**; a **[new resource](#)** for increasing student attendance, engagement and success through career-connected learning; and a **[new resource on addressing transportation needs to improve school attendance](#)**. **[Learn more »](#)**

## Submit your LEA's 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](mailto:karroyo@csba.org)**. A

link to the page will be sent to CSBA members in the near future.

## State update: Grant funding available to support student mental health



The purpose of the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) is to **establish additional mental health partnerships between county mental health or behavioral health departments and local educational agencies to increase access to mental health services in locations that are easily accessible to students and their families.** The goal of this application is to provide services through grants in the following

categories: **marginalized and vulnerable youth, universal screening, sustainability** and “other priorities” to allow applicants to identify and address their unique needs. There is \$25 million available and multiple grants will be awarded. [Learn more »](#)

Wonder what other are doing to support mental health in their LEAs? **CSBA Delegates have helped to curate a list of programs across the state illustrating how districts and county offices of education are addressing the mental health needs of students and staff at the local level.** [Visit the CSBA mental health webpage and view the spreadsheet of support programs »](#)

## The 70-year anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*



Even though the **legacy of *Brown v. Board of Education* lives on in many school districts across the country, certain social and legal trends now pose an even greater threat to the landmark ruling.** On the case's 70th anniversary, it's important not to reflect on California's role in school desegregation and the ongoing educational opportunities it offers to many students. In 1968, Berkeley Unified School District became one of

the first large school districts in the country to integrate its elementary schools voluntarily and continues to incorporate innovative methods to encourage diversity in its schools today. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

## May issue of *California School News* available online



The May edition of CSBA's monthly newsletter features an **overview of the association's sponsored bills, a recap of the Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip,** strategies boards can



use to **attract and retain high-quality teachers** and how one district is using **inclusive instructional materials and food to share Asian American and Pacific Islander cultural**

**traditions**. Also in this issue, the CSBA Legal team reviews the **U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding board members and social media use** and Stanislaus County Office of Education's Every Day Counts attendance campaign is highlighted. [Read the May issue »](#)

## Instructional Quality Commission prepares for future adoptions



**Media literacy resources and Model School Library Standards as they relate to curriculum framework revisions** were among the topics discussed at the May 16 Instructional Quality Commission [meeting](#). Commissioners also received an **update on California Arts Education Framework implementation** and information on the California Department of Education's Clearinghouse for Specialized Media

& Technology offerings. [Read the meeting details on the CSBA blog »](#)

## Raise funds needed for real property acquisitions and capital improvements

**CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION**  
Program

CSBA's Certificates of Participation program **assists California school districts, county offices of education and community college districts in their efforts to raise funds for capital equipment or real property acquisitions and improvements** and allows capital project finance or loan refinancing without voter approval. Finance construction, renovations, equipment, energy projects and more with fast and efficient

financing. [Learn more »](#)

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### Virtual events

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

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June 12-13 | [Register](#)

**Executive Assistant Omicron:  
Understanding Culture 1A/1B**

July 18-19 | [Register](#)

**Ethics Assembly Bill 2158**

June 20 | [Register](#)

July 23 | [Register](#)

Aug. 14 | [Register](#)

Oct. 10 | [Register](#)

## In-person events

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

June 1 | Salinas | [Register](#)

**Ethics Assembly Bill 2158**

June 11, 1:30 p.m. | Lancaster | [Register](#)

June 11, 6 p.m. | Lancaster | [Register](#)

**CSBA County Board Member Services  
Conference**

Sept. 13-15 | Monterey | [Register](#)

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