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## Register now for the 2024 CSBA County Board Member Services Conference



Join CSBA for the **2024 County Board Member Services Conference from Sept. 13-15, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Monterey.**

Registration for California's premiere continuing education and networking event designed exclusively for county board trustees, superintendents and staff is available at a **discounted rate through Aug. 4.** This conference provides a **unique opportunity for**

**county board leaders to discuss key issues related to county offices of education**

(COEs), examine the state of local public schools, hear from education leaders, share strategies on overcoming challenges specific to COEs and gain knowledge to improve student learning and supports in all 58 California counties.

**Don't wait and miss out on the early bird rate!** Act now to ensure you are in Monterey for **informative and applicable breakout sessions, exciting keynote speakers and valuable networking opportunities.** Pre-conference events, including ethics and Brown Act training sessions, will take place on Sept. 12 and are open to all CSBA members, including those from school districts. [Learn more and register »](#)

## Register for CSBA's May Revise webinar



California's local educational agencies face an uncertain and complex financial landscape as they plan their 2025–26 budgets. **It is anticipated that Gov. Gavin Newsom will release an overview of his highly anticipated May Budget Revision on Friday, May 10, with a full announcement on Tuesday, May 14.** [Read a full recap of the budget-making decisions that got us here »](#)

Join **CSBA staff and guest experts on Wednesday, May 15, at 3:30 p.m. for the webinar, "May Revise: Prop 98 under siege,"** which aims to make sense of one of the most unpredictable budgets in recent years. Panelists will **break down Gov. Gavin Newsom's May Revise and its implications for public schools with special attention to Proposition 98,** which is under threat from proposed maneuvers that could reduce school funding for the foreseeable future. [Register now »](#)

## CSBA webinar highlights the good, bad and ugly in collective bargaining



There are many new board members in the state who have never been through the process of negotiating labor contracts during tough economic times. Yet, even for seasoned trustees, **new challenges related to the state's massive budget deficit, declining enrollment and the end of one-time COVID funding are likely to arise as collective bargaining takes place.** To help local educational agency trustees prepare for

collective bargaining and ideally avoid significant conflict with labor partners, **CSBA hosted a webinar on May 1, "Strategies for Collective Bargaining in Tough Financial Times,"** featuring a panel of legal experts discussing strategies and guidance for **negotiating labor contracts** when funds are scarce.

Several key themes that emerged included the board's role in setting the vision and direction as negotiations occur, sharing authority and power with the lead negotiator,

being transparent with the community without negotiating in public, maintaining the LEA's fiscal solvency, and creating a collaborative and trusting atmosphere. [Read a recap](#) | [Watch a recording of the webinar](#)

## State update: Cheaper naloxone available; 2024 Civic Learning Award schools



California struck a **new deal on April 29 to bolster the state's supply of the opioid overdose-reversing medication naloxone at a much lower price for local educational agencies** and others trying to ease the toll of the fentanyl crisis facing the country. The deal would put the price tag for a **two-dosage pack of Food and Drug Administration-approved naloxone, often known by the brand name Narcan, at \$24,**

**a 40 percent drop from the current purchase price,** state officials **announced.** The discount on state-funded naloxone means the state will be able to send more of the life-saving medication to the nonprofits, schools and other organizations that currently qualify for free doses from the state's **Master Plan for Tackling the Fentanyl and Opioid Crisis.** [Learn more »](#)

**In other state news:**

- **Twenty-one schools throughout the state were named recipients of the 2024 Civic Learning Awards, an honor that recognizes measurable schoolwide achievements in civics,** on May 1 by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and California Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero. "We know that when young people activate their voices, they can be among the strongest change agents in our communities," Thurmond said. "Education is the cornerstone of realizing our democratic ideals, and these schools have made extraordinary contributions to building the leaders of tomorrow." [Learn more and read the list of recipients »](#)

## Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Understanding where students are coming from when they leave home each morning is critical to providing appropriate supports, said **Sylvia Leong, Cupertino Union School District trustee and CSBA Director-at-Large, Asian Pacific Islander.** "Giving students a chance to **celebrate and share their culture with others is really a great way to build self-esteem and self-confidence** rather than that feeling of shame that

comes when their family does something differently," she said.

In Cupertino Union SD, school meals have become a catapult to exposing students to one another's cultures. The district recently revamped its menu and brought in a chef consultant who started incorporating ethnic cuisines into the weekly menus that reflect the diversity of the student body. Kid-tested and approved, school meals now include options such as spicy kimchi tofu soup, chana masala with naan bread or chicken katsu curry. **"You have a menu that reflects what the kids are eating at home, which helps students build that pride in their cultures,"** Leong said. [Read the full story on the CSBA blog »](#)

## Federal update: CalSHAPE grant submissions due soon



The California Energy Commission has opened an additional round of funding for **two grants under the California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency (CalSHAPE) Program: one for \$253 million is available for the current round of the CalSHAPE Ventilation Program, and over \$170 million is available for the CalSHAPE Plumbing Program.** Local educational and state agencies that apply **must have school sites**

**within the service territory** of Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company or Southern California Gas Company. **Submissions are due by 5 p.m. on May 31.** Email questions to [CalSHAPE@energy.ca.gov](mailto:CalSHAPE@energy.ca.gov) | [Submit an application](#)

## BuyBoard spotlight: Outdoor sports facilities



**Outdoor sports facilities products are available from BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative vendors** regularly used by local educational agencies across California. The **rigorous criteria of both CSBA and BuyBoard ensure these vendors meet high expectations for quality and service and have already been competitively procured, saving LEAs valuable time and resources** that would have otherwise

been spent on the timely request for proposals process. Among other things, BuyBoard members can purchase:

- **Bleachers, press boxes, team benches and installation/repair of these items,** from Southern Bleacher Company.
- **Outdoor and indoor sports lighting products for spaces such as football fields and gymnasiums** from Musco.
- **Indoor and outdoor sports surfaces as well as installation and repair of those surfaces** from FieldTurf and Beynon Sports Surfaces (Tarkett Sports Companies).

For more information about the procurement of outdoor sports facilities products and services, contact Doug Williams at [douglas.williams@buyboard.com](mailto:douglas.williams@buyboard.com) or 425-260-4423. [Learn more »](#)

## Document management and printing services



The PPE and Scanning program is a partnership with Crisp Imaging, which **offers scanning and archiving of documents and design, print, fabrication and installation for physical protection**. Scanning physical documents creates a digital barrier that is essential in promoting a touch-less environment. **This affords quick access to documents whether physically working in the office or remotely. The program provides local educational agencies with affordable, customizable options to support the safety of district staff, students and visitors alike.** [Learn more »](#)

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## Virtual events

**MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining**  
May 15-16 | [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](#)

## In-person events

**2024 May Delegate Assembly Meeting**  
May 18-19 | Sacramento | [Register](#)

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**MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration**  
June 1 | Salinas | [Register](#)

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