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Legislative update: Senate and Assembly reach agreement on the budget, Governor not yet on board

With the **constitutional deadline of June 15 to pass a balanced budget fast approaching, the Senate, Assembly and Gov. Gavin Newsom have yet to reach agreement** on a budget deal. Although a budget bill will be adopted in the coming days, budget negotiations between the Legislature and the Governor will continue. **Once**



an agreement is reached, it will be reflected in a second budget bill, typically referred to as a “budget bill junior.” That measure will amend the main budget bill to reflect the final agreement.

Advocacy from CSBA and its members helped to secure a [revised funding plan](#) for public education that upholds the Constitution and protects Prop 98. Although similar in terms of approach, there are notable differences between

the Governor's revised Prop 98 proposal and that of the Legislature. Under the Legislature's plan, the increase in revenues creates a higher guarantee in the current year thereby creating a higher suspension number by nearly \$2.8 billion compared to the Governor's revised proposal, from \$5.5 billion to \$8.3 billion. This \$8.3 billion suspension creates “maintenance factor,” a constitutional term for Prop 98 debt the state owes to public education. [Read more details about the proposed budget, including the use of the Prop 98 Reserve and deferrals »](#)

Showcase your LEA's talented students at AEC — student entertainment applications open



Let your students' talent take center stage at CSBA's 2024 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show, happening Dec. 5-7 in Anaheim. AEC welcomes thousands of members from California's diverse education community, offering an excellent opportunity to recognize student successes in the arts and showcase California talent. **Submissions from orchestras, choral groups, soloists, thespians and other**

student performers are being accepted through June 26. Performance time will be approximately 8-10 minutes and in front of a full house of California's education leaders. [Learn more and apply »](#)

Experts share advice on instructional materials adoption at CSBA webinar



CSBA's May 30 webinar, [“Laying the Foundation for a Successful Instructional Materials Adoption: School Board Strategies”](#), featured expert panelists providing an overview of the state's instructional materials adoption process, requirements and guidance for local educational agencies, information on understanding current context and minimizing conflict during the selection period, and trustee perspectives as well

as a Q&A. Instructional materials can include textbooks, technology-based materials and

other educational tools and tests. **School district and county office of education boards are vital to adoption proceedings as they understand and represent their communities, allocate funding for the materials and related professional development, utilize data to understand student needs, set policies and goals and communicate with stakeholders.** [Read a webinar recap](#) | [View the recording](#) | [Download presentation slides](#)

AI Taskforce call for promising practices



CSBA's AI Taskforce is **seeking local promising practices related to artificial intelligence to showcase on a dedicated webpage premiering in September.** If you are **interested in showcasing your district or county office of education, visit this link** and complete the intake form including five brief questions to collect details on your promising practice or strategy and contact information so members can reach out to connect

or ask specific questions. **This is an opportunity for the taskforce to highlight the great work going on in the field related to AI.** The repository on the AI Taskforce page will be regularly updated as more LEAs are featured. **To be showcased when the site goes live, please submit your intake form by Aug. 2.** Questions? Contact Dr. Naomi Eason, CSBA Chief of Research and Education Policy Development at neason@csba.org. [Submit your promising practice »](#)

State Board of Education accepting applications for a student board member



The California State Board of Education is **accepting applications for the 2025–26 student board member position.** The student board member must be a rising high school senior and plays a crucial role in **representing the perspectives and interests of students across California in important policy discussions and decisions.** This is a one-year term from Aug. 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026. Completed

application packages must be received by 5 p.m. on Sept. 20. [Learn more and access the application »](#)

Federal update: FCC approves schools and libraries pilot program



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a **three-year, \$200 million Schools**



and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program to help K-12 schools and libraries address the growing cyberattacks against their broadband networks and confidential student and personnel data. The pilot program aims to gather data to understand how Universal Service

Funds could support the cybersecurity needs of schools and libraries and share lessons learned with federal partners to combat this serious and growing problem for school districts and other community anchor institutions. [Learn more »](#)

BuyBoard spotlight: Heating, ventilation and air conditioning



This month we're highlighting HVAC products available from BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative vendors who are regularly used by local educational agencies across California. The rigorous criteria of both CSBA and BuyBoard ensure that these vendors meet high expectations for quality and service. BuyBoard members can purchase HVAC systems, products and installation/repair services from **CSBA Business**

Affiliate ABM and HVAC labor, installation and repair services through **Climatec**. These HVAC products have already been competitively procured, saving districts valuable time and resources that would have otherwise been spent going out to bid themselves. For more information about the procurement of HVAC products and services, reach out to Doug Williams at douglas.williams@buyboard.com or 425-260-4423. [Learn more about BuyBoard »](#)

Expert MAA and LEA billing assistance



Student-centered services and medical care in the school-setting are pivotal to student success. **Practi-Cal offers the most comprehensive Medi-Cal and Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAA) billing services** available to local educational agencies. Its broad range of expertise allows it to **identify areas of reimbursement often overlooked by others and simplifies the complicated billing process**,

while minimizing your efforts — all with no up-front costs to the district. [Learn more »](#)

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Oct. 10 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistant Omicron:

Understanding Culture 1A/1B

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EA Omicron: Governance 2A/2B

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

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Aug. 17 | Visalia | [Register](#)

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Aug. 24 | Ventura | [Register](#)

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