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Governor and Legislature agree to budget deal



On June 22, **Gov. Gavin Newsom and the State Legislature announced an agreement on the state budget that largely reflected the budget proposal adopted by the Legislature earlier this month — but with some important modifications that pose concern for local educational agencies.** The inclusion of provisions that were not present or disclosed in earlier summaries reinforced the wisdom of

CSBA's decision to avoid a full endorsement of any budget deals before the exact language of the terms was available.

This likely final budget agreement is better than the education community endured during the last major fiscal crisis that began in 2008, and it includes some

improvements over both the Governor's January Budget and May Revise proposals. Still, there are a few "rotten apples" in the deal that CSBA is analyzing closely and pushing back on to defend member interests, specifically a much narrower version of the original Proposition 98 maneuver, a school layoff freeze until March 2025 and a reliance on optimistic state revenue projections that may not come to pass. [Read about CSBA advocacy wins and looming concerns »](#)

On June 26, CSBA sent a [letter](#) to the Governor and legislative leaders asserting that the education budget trailer bill as proposed "would violate provisions of Proposition 98 as enshrined in the State Constitution and adopted by the voters in 1988" with specific language that is of concern cited. In addition to explaining the organization's remaining concerns, CSBA Governmental Relations staff offered to help develop alternative language that aligns with the requirements of Prop 98.

Education Legal Alliance victory in *Legislature, et al. v. Weber* case



On June 20, in a victory for CSBA's Education Legal Alliance (ELA), the California Supreme Court ordered the Secretary of State to refrain from any steps to place the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (TPA), an initiative measure, on the November 2024 ballot. The measure would have required, among other things, that all tax increases passed by the Legislature be subject to a two-

thirds vote by the public. The measure qualified for the ballot with sufficient signatures and, in September 2023, the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom filed an emergency petition for writ of mandate with the California Supreme Court, seeking removal of the TPA from the ballot on the basis that it constituted a revision and not an amendment to the California Constitution. The ELA filed an amicus letter, asking the court to rule on the writ. When the court agreed to do so, the ELA filed an amicus brief in support of the petitioners, arguing the specific impacts of this law on local educational agencies.

Ultimately, the state Supreme Court agreed with ELA. The court held that those provisions could not be validly enacted through the initiative process because they "would substantially alter our basic plan of government." Instead, the TPA's provisions could only be enacted through a constitutional convention called by a vote of two-thirds of the Legislature. Given the current makeup of the Legislature, it is unlikely that this process will occur with this particular act. CSBA will provide more information about this case in the August edition of *California School News*.

June newsletter now available



The June edition of *California School News* includes a report on the recent work of CSBA's



AI Taskforce, legal guidance on new Title IX regulations, a message from CSBA President Albert Gonzales on new ethics training opportunities to ensure trustees are in compliance with state law, a policy update on student discipline practices, information on

counties considered teacher education deserts and more. This issue also spotlights unique and engaging programming out of Patterson Joint Unified School District, Coachella Valley USD, Desert Sands Unified School District and Palm Springs Unified School District. [Read the newsletter »](#)

County Board Member Services Conference early registration reminder



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 premier continuing education and networking event designed exclusively for county board trustees, superintendents and staff is available at a discounted rate through Aug. 4. Pre-conference events, including California School Board Ethics

and Brown Act training sessions, will take place on Sept. 12. [Learn more and register »](#)

Commission on Teacher Credentialing deep dives into its exams



During the **June 20-21 meeting of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), commissioners reviewed several reports, including an analysis of the passing rates of commission-approved examinations from the last five years; continued an ongoing discussion and data review on teaching performance assessments (TPAs) and candidate support from accrediting**

institutions; and voted to support a newly amended bill on TPAs.

Data was presented on the new alternate options to meet the basic skills and single subject requirements besides the entrance exams, including the submission of coursework to meet the requirements. In the second year with these options, more candidates took advantage of the alternate means. Commissioners also examined data related to new passing standards for TPAs and found those were being used more frequently as well. In related legislation, newly amended Senate Bill 1263, which the CTC voted to support, contingent upon a budget appropriation, require the commission to convene a work group to assess the current design and implementation of TPAs in

California. [Read a full recap »](#)

Coverage you need to ensure student and district safety



Accidents happen. Are your students covered? To help members best address insurance-related issues, **CSBA has joined forces with California's leading provider of student accident and sickness insurance.** Myers-Stevens & Toohey is a full-service administrator based in Southern California that has worked closely with public K-12 schools for over 35 years. **CSBA's sponsored catastrophic injury**

coverage is affordable and can be extended to cover all school activities, including travel to and from home and school. [Learn more »](#)

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Virtual events

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

July 23 | [Register](#)

Aug. 14 | [Register](#)

Oct. 10 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistant Omicron: Understanding Culture 1A/1B

July 18-19 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistant Omicron: Governance 2A/2B

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

Student Board Member Training: Navigating Roles, Governance, and Legal Compliance

Aug. 19 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Aug. 26-Oct. 7 | [Register](#)

In-person events

Masters in Governance Course 1:

Sponsors



**Foundations of Effective Governance/
Setting Direction**

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

MIG Course 1

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

**MIG Course 2: Student Learning &
Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review**

Sept. 7 | Ventura | [Register](#)

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