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Legislative update: CSBA-sponsored bills move forward



The Legislature is nearing the end of the two-year 2023–24 legislative session as both the Senate and the Assembly work their way through the hundreds of remaining bills. Among those moving forward is **a package of CSBA-sponsored legislative measures that together will reduce administrative workloads associated with the substantial number of reports required of local educational agencies** ([Senate Bill 1315](#)), ensure that the state **provides much-needed support to small school districts in the acquisition of state bond funds** ([Assembly Bill 2831](#)), and help **improve the delivery**

of dual enrollment courses for high school students ([SB 1244](#)). [Learn more about the bills on the CSBA blog »](#)

Wildfire resources available



As wildfires continue to ignite throughout the state, CSBA is offering a suite of resources for school communities experiencing disruptions due to these natural disasters. While wildfires are unpredictable and often unpreventable, there are measures school governance teams can take to prepare for wildfires and lay the foundation for a more effective response that mitigates the long-term impact on students, staff and the school community. CSBA has [compiled resources](#) to assist in this work, some borne from the scarring legacy of wildfires in the last decade. In addition to [CSBA's Wildfire Resources webpage](#), resources can be [found on the CSBA blog »](#)

Apply for the 2025 Education Workforce Housing Workshop Series



California's high cost of housing prohibits many teachers and non-credentialed staff from living in the areas where they work. [The education workforce housing \(EWH\) report](#) found that housing costs in California are outpacing education salaries by wide margins. In response, many local educational agencies are taking steps to build housing developments for teachers and other staff.

LEAs interested in pursuing education housing are invited to apply for CSBA's upcoming Education Housing 101 Workshop Series, which provides the tools and knowledge to create a roadmap to affordable and inclusive housing options for staff. Cohort participants will learn from experts and practitioners including architects and researchers on all EWH planning topics. **Space is limited and applications to apply for the 2025 cohort open on Sept. 3.** Get tips to maximize your EWH application by [registering for the July 23 webinar, "How to apply to CSBA's free workshop series on education workforce housing,"](#) where CSBA staff will provide key information on how to make applications more competitive. [Register now](#) | [Learn more about EWH](#)

Federal update: U.S. Surgeon General declares firearm violence a public health crisis





For the first time in the nation's history, **U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy issued an advisory declaring firearm violence a public health crisis** and outlining the urgent threat firearm violence poses to the health and well-being of Americans. The advisory **lays out the approach the country can take to address**

firearm violence as a public health crisis, including implementing community violence prevention programs and firearm risk reduction strategies, improving access to mental health care for those exposed to or at risk for firearm violence, and expanding research funding to inform and evaluate prevention strategies.

Firearms were the leading cause of death for children and adolescents from 1 to 19 years of age in the U.S. from 2002–22, the last year in which this data is currently available, according to the advisory. And **even those who do not experience direct bodily harm often struggle with mental health consequences related to firearm violence exposure**, including community members, children, adolescents and families. [Learn more on the CSBA blog »](#)

Last call: Share promising practices with CSBA's AI Taskforce



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 update: California's 2024 National Youth Science Camp delegates announced



On July 2, **State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond named two students as California's delegates to the 61st annual National Youth Science Camp (NYSCamp): Arnav Mahendra**, a junior at Mira



Loma High School in the San Juan Unified School District (Sacramento County), **and Natalie**

Brahan, a junior at Irvington High School in

Fremont USD (Alameda County). The **NYSCamp is an annual event** hosted by the National Youth Science Academy **to bring together top students from nine Western Hemisphere countries to attend lectures and participate in outdoor activities centered on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) disciplines**. The camp includes a two-day trip to Washington, D.C., followed by three weeks of camp in the mountains of West Virginia. [Learn more about these students »](#)

BuyBoard Spotlight: Educational software



Educational software services have been **competitively procured by BuyBoard, saving districts valuable time and resources.**

BuyBoard members can purchase learning courseware, learning simulations and professional development from **eDynamic Learning**. **Rethink Ed** offers learning courseware, wellness, Multi-Tiered System of Supports frameworks, special education licenses and professional development.

Local educational agency leaders can find CSBA Business Affiliates eDynamic Learning and Rethink Ed by searching for BuyBoard contract 692-23 Software as a Service (SaaS), Cybersecurity Assessments and Related Products and Services. For more information about the procurement of educational software, reach out to Doug Williams at douglas.williams@buyboard.com or 425-260-4423. [Learn more about BuyBoard »](#)

Convert property ownership into an active asset

**Property
Planning**
Solutions



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

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

July 23 | [Register](#)

Aug. 14 | [Register](#)

Oct. 10 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistant Omicron: Understanding Culture 1A/1B

July 18-19 | [Register](#)

How to apply to CSBA's free workshop series on education workforce housing

July 23 | [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: 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](#)

CSBA County Board Member Services Conference

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

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The logo for Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law features a blue square with the white letters 'LS' on the left, and the text 'Lozano Smith' in a blue serif font on the right, with 'ATTORNEYS AT LAW' in a smaller blue sans-serif font below it.

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