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Legislative update: Legislature adjourns the two-year 2023–24 legislative session this weekend



Considered the busiest time of the year, **legislators will be working non-stop through Aug. 31 when the 2023–24 legislative session comes to an end.** Historically, the last day of session goes right until the clock runs out and bills will be taken up until the final minutes. Some legislation, including committee and budget bills and urgency measures, do not have to adhere to the midnight deadline. However, most legislation must be dispensed with before Sept. 1, otherwise the bill will officially be dead and may

not be reconsidered or resurrected.

Two CSBA-sponsored measures will be among those considered in these final days of the session:

- **Senate Bill 1244** (Newman, D-Fullerton) would create a process for school districts to initiate dual enrollment programs with a neighboring community college district when an agreement cannot be reached with a home community college district. CSBA is co-sponsoring this bill with the California High School District Coalition.
- **SB 1315** (Archuleta, D-Pico Rivera) would require the California Department of Education to report to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Governor and the Legislature the total number of reports that local educational agencies are required to submit and recommendations for which reports could be consolidated, eliminated or truncated. CSBA is co-sponsoring this bill with the California Association of School Business Officials.

CSBA's Governmental Relations team will update members on the fate of these bills and other education-related legislation following the close of session.

Legal update: Supreme Court issues Title IX decision



The U.S. Department of Education (ED) recently issued revised regulations regarding Title IX, a federal civil rights law prohibiting sex and gender discrimination in schools and colleges. The new regulations modify, and in some ways relax, the investigation of sexual harassment (now called “sex-based harassment”) and provide protections for pregnant students. Additionally, the regulations emphasize that Title IX’s

antidiscrimination protections extend to transgender students.

Many lawsuits have been filed challenging the new regulations’ transgender protections. For example, following a successful lawsuit in Kansas, implementation of the new regulations has been barred in certain California schools. In another lawsuit, a different group of 10 states (not including California) obtained a preliminary injunction barring implementation of the entirety of the new Title IX regulations within those states, rather than just certain challenged provisions. **In response, the ED filed an emergency petition with the U.S. Supreme Court asking the Court to overrule these injunctions to the extent they did not concern transgender protections so that the regulations’ other, unrelated provisions could go into effect.**

On Aug. 16 the Court denied the ED’s petition. As a result, the new Title IX regulations remain entirely blocked in the 10 states that brought the lawsuit. However, **local educational agencies should be aware that the Court’s opinion does not apply to California**, and therefore has no effect on whether California LEAs are covered by the new regulations. LEAs with questions about whether the new Title IX regulations apply to them should contact CSBA’s Legal Services team or their legal counsel.

County Board Transitional Working Group August update



The **County Board Transitional Working Group has completed work on its preliminary recommendations to the CSBA Board of Directors and plans to share them with attendees of the CSBA County Board Member Services Conference** via email and presentation. **Feedback from attending members will be collected at the conference, while an email will be sent to non-attendees to ensure their**

review and feedback are also considered.

The TWG encourages all county board members to attend the conference Sept. 13-15 in Monterey. This is an opportunity to connect with other county board members from across the state and attend **sessions** such as "Understanding CSBA and the Governance Structure" and "The Latest on Charters, Including Renewals and Appeals." County

office of education representatives and experts from around the state will present on topics including charter school authorizations and renewals, literacy, opportunities to advance social-emotional learning opportunities, innovative programs taking place in COEs, education workforce housing, board and superintendent relations, new Title IX regulations and more.

Read the latest issue of *California Schools* magazine



The summer edition of *California Schools* has arrived just in time for the start of a new academic year! **Features include deep dives into how local educational agencies are preparing to balance the books while maintaining student supports as pandemic relief funds run dry; the benefits of building a high-functioning governance team and tips to get there; and lessons learned from LEAs that have**

implemented smartphone restrictions.

This issue also includes an **examination of trustees holding other elected or appointed public offices that may be incompatible with their LEA role**; a look into **the work of CSBA's Small School District Advisory Workgroup**; ways in **which Morongo Unified School District makes the most of outdoor learning** in the desert; **and more related to career technical education, telehealth opportunities for rural students, Compton USD's journey to educational excellence** and a conversation with California Department of Health Care Services Deputy Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships Autumn Boylan. [Read the full issue »](#)

SBE seeking applicants for advisory positions, IQC student board member



The **California State Board of Education** is accepting applications for two open seats on the **Practitioners Advisory Group** through 5 p.m. on **Sept. 30**, one of which is for a member of a **district or county office of education school board**. The committee provides input to the state board on efforts to create a single coherent local, state and federal accountability system. [Learn more and apply »](#)

California **high school students who will be seniors in 2025–26** are encouraged to apply to serve a one-year term as the student board member for the **Instructional Quality Commission** or the **State Board of Education**. Applications for both positions are due by 5 p.m. on Sept. 20.

Applications are also open for a position on the **Advisory Commission on Charter Schools**.

CCEE launches new Statewide System of Support website



In addition to **swearing in two new members**, the **California Collaborative for Educational Excellence's (CCEE)** governing board received updates from staff on the **Statewide System of Support (SSOS)** and other initiatives at its **Aug. 22 convening**. Ed Manansala, superintendent of the El Dorado County Office of Education, and Nancy Portillo, chief deputy superintendent of public instruction for the California Department of

Education, both took their oath of office at the top of the meeting. Portillo serves as the designee for State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond.

The revamped **SSOS website** includes an all-encompassing **directory** that local educational agency leaders can reference to find relevant contacts and information on a variety of topics and a **resource hub** with materials broken down by subject, student group, content areas, state performance indicators, professional development opportunities and more. [Read a full meeting recap »](#)

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Virtual events

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

Sept. 9 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistant Omicron: Job Mechanics 3A/23B

Sept. 12-13 | [Register](#)

Masters in Governance Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Sept. 18-19 | [Register](#)

CCSA Virtual Fall Workshop

Sept. 20 | [Register](#)

Student Board Member Networking Call

Sept. 23 | [Register](#)

Masters in Governance Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review

Oct. 2-3 | [Register](#)

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

Oct. 10 | [Register](#)

Student Board Member Training: Mastering Meeting Protocol and Stakeholder Engagement

Oct. 14 | [Register](#)

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Omicron: Governance Integration

Oct. 18 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

Oct. 18 | [Register](#)

In-person events

California School Board Ethics Pre-Conference Training

Sept. 12 | Monterey | [Register](#)

Key Elements of the Brown Act Pre-Conference Training

Sept. 12 | Monterey | [Register](#)

CSBA County Board Member Services Conference

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

Masters in Governance Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Sept. 21 | Tulare | [Register](#)

Masters in Governance Course 3: School Finance

Sept. 28 | Ventura | [Register](#)

Masters in Governance Course 3: School Finance

Oct. 5 | Tulare | [Register](#)

Small School District Financial Workshop

Oct. 19 | Camino | [Register](#)

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