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There's still time to register for AEC



CSBA's **2025 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show (AEC)** is less than a month away. Taking place Dec. 3-5 in Sacramento, AEC is CSBA's premier professional development event for new and veteran board members, superintendents and board support professionals alike. Attendees will gain insights into the latest trends and issues in education, learn strategies to help raise student achievement, discover new products and services, and network with peers from across the state.

This year's conference also features an exclusive forum with major gubernatorial candidates including Chad Bianco, Ian Calderon, Tony Thurmond, Antonio Villaraigosa and Betty Yee at the First General Session. Additionally, **attendees will get to hear from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) Candidate Forum** featuring Richard Barrera, Nichelle Henderson, Andra Hoffman, Al Muratsuchi, Josh Newman, Anthony Rendon and Sonja Shaw, offering a unique look into the candidates' visions and priorities for the future of California public education. Please note that space is limited for the SSPI forum. **Haven't registered yet? Do so before the late rate goes into effect on Nov. 11.** [Learn more about AEC »](#)

Federal update: Shutdown impacts families and students



As pressure from the public mounts, **the federal government shutdown, which began on Oct. 1, is ongoing** as Congress has yet to reach any resolution to fund and resume operations. News publications indicate that education leaders across the country are concerned as the effects on families and the children they serve compound due to paused funding for Head Start programs and other disruptions to social safety nets.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits have been delayed, but on Oct. 31, the Associated Press reported that two federal judges ordered the Trump administration to fund the program with emergency reserve funds. The administration has responded by stating that they will be partially funding SNAP through November.

In other federal news:

- On Oct. 28, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston **issued an extension to her original order that stopped the Trump administration from laying off federal employees during the shutdown.** This includes the more than 400 U.S. Department of Education staff members who received reduction in force notices earlier in the month.

Administrator input needed to understand impact of reporting requirements on workloads



California's local educational agencies are spending more time than ever meeting compliance and reporting requirements — time that could be spent serving students. To help policymakers understand the true scope of this burden, **researchers with the Getting Down to Facts III project are conducting a new statewide survey on the time, effort and value of compliance**

activities.

CSBA encourages superintendents and LEA administrators to participate in this 20-minute survey. Board members can help by encouraging their superintendents to participate. The results will inform state leaders and provide data that strengthen CSBA's ongoing advocacy for a more efficient and reasonable system of reporting requirements. Over a decade after the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) promised "local control," district leaders report that the administrative workload has only intensified. CSBA's 2024 report, [***Drowning in Documentation: Toward More Effective and Manageable Reporting for California Districts***](#), detailed this growing challenge. In response, CSBA co-sponsored Senate Bill 1315 required the California Department of Education to publish a comprehensive "report of reports." While this clarified the extent of reporting demands, meaningful streamlining has yet to occur.

Encourage LEA superintendents and administrators to take the survey by sending them a link today: https://stanforduniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7Pw99trYKbRGh8O

State update: New CDPH resources on respiratory viruses



The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released new resources for the respiratory virus season, including new and updated communications toolkits with resources and communications related to the [flu vaccine](#), [COVID-19 vaccine](#), [Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\)](#) and [respiratory virus prevention](#).

Additionally, a new [Respiratory Viruses Hub](#) offering information on respiratory virus prevention

tips, vaccines and more, as well as a new [California Respiratory Virus Dashboard](#) showing statewide and regional weekly data for COVID-19, RSV and flu are now available.

In other state news:

- On Oct. 30, the **California Department of Education** [announced](#) the **2026 California Teachers of the Year**. Awardees include April Raguindin of Bakersfield City School District's Dr. Douglas K. Fletcher Elementary School; Rene Romero of Covina Valley Unified School District's South Hills High School; Chrizia Dela Rosa of East Side Union High School District's Piedmont Hills High School; Heather Povinelli of Monrovia USD's Bradoaks Elementary Science Academy; and Corina Martinez of Escondido Union SD's Pioneer Elementary School. [Learn more about these teachers as well as finalists for the award »](#)

Webinar: Get an inside look at the November Policy

Update Packet



Join CSBA's Policy and Governance Technology Services team for a **webinar on Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. highlighting the November 2025 Update Packet. Policies related to interdistrict attendance, courses of study, and parent/guardian rights, responsibilities and involvement will be featured.**

The presentation will give essential insights into the process and rationale behind the policy

updates to help with a general understanding of the policy changes, as well as how they may impact a district or county office of education. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. [Register now »](#)

Native American Studies Model Curriculum launches



The long anticipated **Native American Studies Model Curriculum (NASMC)** launched in September — just ahead of **Native American Heritage Month**, which is observed each November. The state-funded initiative was led by the **Humboldt and San Diego county offices of education** in partnership with respected California Native American scholars and many collaborators who weighed in

throughout the development process. **The free, web-based curriculum includes 150 lessons for grades TK-5, 100 lessons for grades 6-8 and 164 lessons for high school.**

"For too long, the experiences and contributions of California Tribal Nations has been under or misrepresented in our schools so this curriculum really represents a turning point, a fresh approach to truth-telling that elevates Native voices and gives educators the resources to share more accurate and meaningful stories," said Humboldt COE Native American Learning Specialist Maggie Peters during a recent webinar on implementing the model curriculum. "It ensures that generations of students will grow up with a deeper understanding of the diverse histories and contemporary realities of Native peoples." [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

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Nov. 21 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/ Setting Direction
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Orientation for New Trustees
Jan. 21 | [Register](#)

EA Tau cohort: Understanding Culture 1A/1B
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