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Legislative update: Bill to combat antisemitism put on hold



A measure to address incidences of antisemitism currently under consideration in the Legislature, **Assembly Bill 715** by Assemblymembers Rick Zbur (D–West Hollywood) and Dawn Addis (D–Morro Bay), was put on hold for further negotiations last week. Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Education Committee, it was postponed until after the Legislature returns from its summer recess in late August.

Opposed by CSBA, the California County Superintendents, Association of California

School Administrators and the California Teachers Association, AB 715 would put in place a number of problematic and difficult to implement guardrails and penalties on local educational agencies when incidences of antisemitism are alleged to have occurred. Among its many provisions, AB 715 would establish an Office of Antisemitism Prevention Coordinator, **elevate complaints of alleged incidences of antisemitism over other complaints of alleged discrimination and prejudice via the Uniform Complaints Process, and dictate what can and cannot be said regarding Israel and Judaism in public school classrooms.**

When **taken in totality, concerns have been raised that this measure takes a punitive approach to how public schools approach and raise these sensitive issues and could result in self-censorship by educators and the cessation of instruction on issues related to combating antisemitism or islamophobia.** As the measure continues to be considered by the Legislature, CSBA will keep members apprised of this and other pressing legislative and budget matters.

Legal update: US Department of Justice files lawsuit against California



On July 9, the **United States, through the Department of Justice, filed a lawsuit against the State of California** in United States District Court for the Central District of California. The lawsuit **alleges that the policies of the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) allowing transgender female students to participate in female sporting events and to use the facilities that align with a student's gender identity, violate Title IX and its implementing regulations.**

Specifically, the complaint alleges that, based on CDE and CIF policies at issue, California is in breach of Title IX-required objectives of ensuring equality for women and girls in sports and educational opportunities. According to the complaint, California “violated Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq., and its Implementing Regulations [...and these] Title IX violations harm, and continue to harm, student athletes.” The complaint alleges that these violations are “material breaches of [the] contractual assurance agreements” California made when granted federal funds from various programs.

The **complaint requests several forms of relief from the court including declaratory relief stating the policies are illegal, a permanent injunction prohibiting the use of the policies by the state, and monetary damages for the federal contracts California has allegedly violated by following these policies while receiving federal funds.** The lawsuit is in very early stages, and CSBA will continue to monitor the events that take place and provide updates as needed.

State Board of Education moves forward on accountability, instructional materials and more



The **California State Board of Education's (SBE) July 9 meeting** was largely focused on wrapping up discussion around the **2025 Accountability Workplan**, but recent **budget-related legislation targeting differentiated assistance** ensured that much of the board's **work will continue into the coming year**. Since the board's January approval of the 2025

Accountability Workplan, California Department of

Education (CDE) staff have been collaborating with board members and stakeholders on various aspects, including how to incorporate student growth data into the California School Dashboard, as well as whether or how to bring the Science Indicator to the Dashboard for accountability purposes. (Recaps of those discussions and actions are [available on the CSBA blog](#).)

CDE staff presented its **final recommendations, which the board discussed and ultimately approved**, on new and existing **College/Career Indicator** measures; **incorporation of growth data in the Dashboard**; how the **long-term English learners student group qualified for differentiated assistance** on the 2024 Dashboard; options to incorporate the **Science Indicator** into Local Control Funding Formula eligibility criteria; **Dashboard Alternative School Status application/renewal criteria** and of **Priority 1 teacher assignment data**. [Read the full meeting recap and approved Accountability Workplan changes »](#)

Eligible candidates determined for CSBA office



Pursuant to CSBA Bylaws, Article V, Section 2, and Standing Rule 222 (C)(9), the Declaration of Candidacy Packets submitted on or before July 10, 2025, were deemed complete and the following candidates are eligible for candidacy.

Office of President-elect: Sabrena Rodriguez, Ventura Unified School District. **Office of Vice President:** Renee Nash, Eureka Union School District, and Zachery Ramos, Gustine USD.

Call for student AEC proposals opening soon



The **2025 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show (AEC)**, taking place from **Wednesday, Dec. 3 through Friday, Dec. 5 in Sacramento**, offers a unique platform for student trustees to share insights, experiences and



innovative ideas that can shape the future of education. CSBA is thrilled to invite **student board members to submit a proposal to lead a presentation for AEC participants. Student proposal submissions will be open from July 28 through Sept. 12.**

Student board member perspectives are invaluable. **Their firsthand experience with the current educational landscape provides them with a unique vantage point that can contribute to meaningful discussions and solutions.** Whether their interests lie in fostering strong community partnerships, college and career pathways, student well-being or governance practices, student board member contributions can influence educational policies and practices across California. **All trustees should encourage their student board member to voice their ideas and engage with fellow students, educators and trustees in a collaborative and impactful environment at AEC.** [Learn more »](#)

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County Board Conference

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