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Federal update: Government shuts down as of midnight, Oct. 1



Oct. 1 marked the first day of the federal government shutdown after a proposed continuing resolution did not pass. There is no clear timeline for how long the shutdown will last. **On Sept. 28, the U.S. Department of Education posted its [contingency plan](#) in case of a shutdown.** The plan includes **continuing the disbursement of Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funds.** A key area of

impact is the **furloughing of 1,485 of the department's 1,700 employees.** The plan notes that while grantmaking activities will cease, the majority of awards happened in the summer. Additionally, "the **Office for Civil Rights would pause its review and**

investigations of civil rights complaints. The **Department's development and implementation of guidance, technical assistance, and regulatory actions would also pause** during a lapse, unless required for otherwise funded activities," the plan states.

In other federal news:

- **On Sept. 30, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted 2-1 to end the E-Rate program's ability to fund WiFi on buses and for internet hotspots used outside of schools and libraries.** The move means schools and libraries will no longer be able to receive discounts on these services, as allowed under an E-Rate expansion approved under the Biden administration. **CSBA strongly advocated against the rescission of these important student supports.** [Read the notice rescinding E-Rate bus WiFi support](#) | [Read the notice rescinding E-Rate WiFi hotspot support](#)

Register for GAMUT fall webinars



GAMUT's seasonal webinar series continues this fall with two focused sessions designed to help governance teams enhance collaboration, streamline meeting preparation and manage policy updates with confidence. Each month, the GAMUT team will highlight practical tips and the latest features across modules. On **Oct. 23 at 11 a.m., "Getting the Most Out of GAMUT Meetings Module"** will explore tips for building

and customizing agendas, setting up meeting types, recording minutes and votes, and using new features like bulk copying and publicly displaying voting results.

[Register »](#)

On **Nov. 20 at 11 a.m., "Pro Tips for GAMUT Policy *Plus*"** will cover strategies for efficiently managing policy manuals, from incorporating CSBA's sample policy language to using the mandated and conditionally mandated policies guide, locating historical or rescinded policies, and applying new tools like draft version history for tracking edits. [Register »](#)

What's Your Why with Lucy Salazar, Madera USD



Madera Unified School District trustee Lucy Salazar hopes to champion more opportunities for students in the district. As an active leader, Salazar takes time to listen to students and encourages growth. **"I am there to be their voice to our school district, to help them understand what their needs are, what their questions may be, and where they're coming**

from," said Salazar.

"What's Your Why?" is a series of video vignettes featuring school district and county office of education board members describing why they became trustees and why they continue to serve California public schools. [Watch Salazar's and other board members' videos »](#)

California high school seniors named 2025 US Presidential Scholars



On Sept. 26, **10 outstanding California high school students** were selected by the U.S. Department of Education as **2025 U.S. Presidential Scholars**. The 10 honorees are among 161 national high school seniors chosen for their accomplishments in academics, the arts and career and technical education fields. For more than 60 years, this federal program has honored over 8,000 U.S. Presidential Scholars

who have demonstrated leadership, scholarship and contribution to school and community. [Learn more about the program »](#)

Register for CSBA Business Affiliate webinar on financial strategy



Join CSBA Business Affiliate Allovue, a leader in education finance technology, for a Oct. 16 webinar **exploring how districts are leveraging financial data to navigate change with confidence — streamlining processes, aligning resources to priorities and responding proactively to emerging challenges**. Presenters will highlight real-world examples of how districts are using integrated

financial tools to visualize and understand resource allocation across schools and programs, respond to enrollment shifts and funding changes with agility, and improve collaboration between finance and academic teams and the proven impact of smarter financial workflows and data-informed decision-making. [Register »](#)

Raise funds needed for real property acquisitions and capital improvements

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CSBA's Certificates of Participation program assists California school districts, county offices of education and community college

Participation Program

districts in their efforts to raise funds for capital equipment or real property acquisitions and improvements and allows capital project finance or loan refinancing without voter approval. Finance construction, renovations, equipment, energy projects and more with fast and efficient financing.

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Virtual events

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

Oct. 13 | [Register](#)

Nov. 3 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistants (EA) Certification Program Sigma: Job Mechanics 3A/3B

Oct. 16-17 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 3: School Finance Part 1 and Part 2

Oct. 22-23 | [Register](#)

In-person events

What Board Presidents and Executive Assistants Need to Know About the Brown Act

Oct. 10 | St. Helena | [Register](#)

Education Workforce Housing Bootcamp

Oct. 15 | San Jose | [Register](#)

Oct. 24 | Covina | [Register](#)

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining

Oct. 18 | Torrance | [Register](#)

Oct. 18 | Stockton | [Register](#)

Legal Services UCP University

Oct. 29 | Redondo Beach | [Register](#)

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