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Hear from candidates for California governor and state superintendent exclusively at AEC



CSBA's **Annual Education Conference and Trade Show (AEC)** in Sacramento will feature an **exclusive Gubernatorial Candidate Forum on Wednesday, Dec. 3!** This can't-miss experience will give school district and county office of education board members, superintendents and education leaders a chance to hear each candidate's vision for the future of California public education directly and

assess how the 2026 elections will affect the work of governing boards and the students they serve. Additionally, **candidates for state superintendent of public**

instruction (SSPI) will be participating in a workshop session panel on Dec. 4.

All candidates have been invited to the forums.

Confirmed candidates for gubernatorial panel: Chad Bianco, Riverside County Sheriff; Ian Calderon, former assemblymember; Tony Thurmond, California Superintendent of Public Instruction; Antonio Villaraigosa, former Los Angeles mayor; and Betty Yee, former California controller.

Confirmed candidates for state superintendent of public instruction panel: Richard Barrerra, San Diego Unified School District board president; Nichelle Henderson, Los Angeles Community College District trustee; Andra Hoffman, Los Angeles Community College District trustee; Al Muratsuchi, state assemblymember, former school board trustee; Josh Newman, former state senator; and Anthony Rendon, former assembly speaker. *Capacity for the SSPI forum is capped at 600 attendees.* [Learn more and register for AEC »](#)

CSBA President Lusk and Region 23 Director Helen Hall honored with excellence award



The **California Association of Black School Educators (CABSE)** established the **Black EdCellence Awards** to honor the individuals and institutions whose leadership, innovation and advocacy embody the organization's mission to advance equity and excellence for **Black students across California** and beyond.

These awards celebrate those who model the transformative power of education as a vehicle for justice, access, and opportunity — leaders who not only achieve results but also uplift entire communities through their work. Among **CABSE's highest honors is the Beacon of Knowledge Award, recognizing visionary governance and unwavering dedication to ethical, student-centered leadership. This year, CABSE proudly recognized CSBA President Dr. Bettye Lusk and Region 23 Director Helen M. Hall as its 2025 CABSE Conference Beacon of Knowledge awardees.**

CSBA expands education workforce housing training pathway with bootcamp

CSBA hosted **its first Education Workforce Housing (EWH) Bootcamp on Oct. 15 at the Santa Clara County Office of Education, bringing together trustees, superintendents and senior staff to explore how districts can turn underused property into below-market-rate housing for their employees.** The one-



day bootcamp provided participants with a structured introduction to the steps involved in developing such projects, from early feasibility assessments to financing and community engagement. The session combined short presentations, small-group discussions and exercises using an early assessment workbook to give attendees a six-month action roadmap for exploring workforce housing opportunities in

their LEAs. **CSBA has taken the lead in providing EWH training and information to California local educational agencies.** [Learn more about CSBA levels of support](#) | [View CSBA's collection of EWH resources](#)

Recognizing America's Safe Schools Week



Activities conducted during [America's Safe Schools Week](#) draw attention to the continuing problem of school violence and educate communities about how schools can be made safer and more secure. This is a good time to check out or review **CSBA's Safe Schools Toolkit**, which includes new and updated school safety terminology, information about the most current threats to safety, and up-to-

date resources for local educational agencies to use when implementing school safety policies and procedures. It also includes strategies to help governing boards make informed decisions when approving budgets, policies and administrative regulations on school safety. [Access the Safe Schools Toolkit »](#)

Foster & Foster can help with GASB report needs



The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) establishes accounting reporting standards. GASB 68 reports are required for pensions that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers through pension plans that are administered through trusts. GASB 75 reports are required for other post-employment benefits that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental

employers. **CSBA offers actuarial services through its partner Foster & Foster, which provides GASB-compliant reports to state and local governmental employers with no limit to the number of participants.** [Learn more »](#)

resources on the [CSBA blog](#).

Virtual events

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

Nov. 3 | [Register](#)

Masters in Governance (MIG) Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining

Nov. 5-6 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/ Governance Integration

Nov. 19-20 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistant (EA) Sigma cohort: Governance Integration 4

Nov. 21 | [Register](#)

In-person events

Legal Services UCP University

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

Annual Education Conference and Trade Show

Dec. 3-5 | Sacramento | [Register](#)

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