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CSBA County Board Governance Workshop brings COE leaders together

Scores of trustees and superintendents from across the state convened in Sacramento April 11-12 for the CSBA County Board Governance Workshop. **Attendees participated in critical conversations; heard from dynamic and engaging keynote speakers including author and entrepreneur Chris Gardner and leaders of the state's Community Engagement Initiative; engaged with panels of experts in advocacy; networked; participated in CSBA's first ever micro-trainings and much more.**



A full recap of the event will be available in the May edition of *California School News* and details about the county conference, happening in Monterey this September, will be released soon. View a gallery of photos from the workshop on [CSBA's Facebook page](#) »

Legislative update: CSBA-sponsored bill on electric school bus mandate drives on — small and rural districts get expanded waiver extension



On April 10, CSBA's sponsored bill **Assembly Bill 1111** (Soria, D-Merced), was heard in the Assembly Education Committee. AB 1111 **seeks to address the concerns many school districts and county offices of education have raised about the state mandate requiring all school bus purchases to be zero-emission beginning in 2035.** As introduced, the bill would have extended the purchasing mandate by 10 years

to 2045. It offers additional waiver opportunities if a local educational agency can demonstrate zero-emission buses are not feasible because of insufficient charging or refueling infrastructure or a zero-emission school bus would require a fire and life safety response that exceeds the local fire agency's capacity. The bill would also create a one-time supply of conventional buses that are currently set to be scrapped as part of a zero-emission adoption incentive program.

For the bill to pass the Assembly Education Committee, amendments were made to the bill by the committee which scaled back the provision that would have automatically provided every LEA with a 10-year extension and instead targeted that extension to only LEAs that are defined as both small and rural. The committee expanded the waiver opportunities to include instances where adequate repair or maintenance is unavailable, which CSBA sees as a direct reaction to a CSBA Superintendents Advisory Council survey on issues experienced by LEAs that have already adopted zero-emission buses.

Testifying on behalf of CSBA in support of AB 1111 were Region 10 Director Kathy Spate (Caruthers Unified School District) and Beth Albiani (Elk Grove USD). Each highlighted the challenges of transitioning to zero-emission vehicles in their districts and clearly demonstrated that zero-emission bus adopt is a challenge for both small and large districts. **AB 1111 now heads to the Assembly Transportation Committee, where it will be heard on April 28. Letters of support** are due by noon on April 21 and must be submitted electronically through the Legislature's Position Letter Portal.

State update: CDE reacts to change in federal COVID relief liquidation deadline



The California Department of Education (CDE) recently **outlined** its concern about the federal Education Department's March 28 action to change the liquidation deadline for remaining COVID relief dollars to that same day with "virtually zero notice."

"This action effectively froze all remaining funds, the vast majority of which were already obligated and are needed to support ongoing, contracted services for students," Chief Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction David Schapira said in the statement to local educational agency leaders. **"The CDE is concerned about the disruption of services for students that this may cause at specific, impacted LEAs that were previously approved for late liquidation. We have identified LEAs that may be impacted and we have contacted these agencies."**

Schapira added that the CDE is "exploring options to challenge this federal revocation of access to education dollars allocated by Congress." On April 10, California Attorney General Rob Bonta **filed a lawsuit** challenging the federal action in hopes of protecting the more than \$200 million in previously awarded and already obligated dollars that are at stake in the state.

In other state news:

- The CDE on April 9 **announced** 2025 Model School Attendance Review Board (SARB) recipients, including 19 LEAs spanning the state, for their exemplary practices that have led to reduced rates of chronic absenteeism and better attendance.

Legal update: Ninth Circuit overturns district court's dismissal of parental notification case and orders reconsideration



On April 4, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a decision in *Regino v. Staley*, a case about parental notification and student privacy rights. The court's decision vacated the District Court's decision to dismiss the case with prejudice and remanded the case back for further proceedings with guidance on how the lower court should move forward in its considerations of Regino's claims.

Regino's claims include six specific legal issues; facial and as-applied substantive due process claims, facial and as-applied procedural due process claims, and facial and as-applied First Amendment familial association claims. Because the appeal addresses if the lower court's dismissal of the case was proper, the court reviewed the case "de novo" or

from the beginning, meaning it looked at the issues as a whole to determine if the lower court's analysis was correct. In doing so, the court found that for each claim, the lower court's analysis was incorrect. As a result, the court laid out the analysis that should be applied, with a heavy focus on the as-applied substantive due process analysis.

The District Court must now reconsider the motion to dismiss using the guidance given by the Ninth Circuit. This was a very technical decision, and **it is unclear how this decision affects the current status of parental rights legal issues, as the court has sent it back to the District Court for a determination of whether a fundamental right exists.** [For more information, visit the CSBA blog »](#)

Learn about Uniform Complaint Procedures at upcoming training



The Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) can be challenging for local educational agencies to follow — and failure to comply can bring costly consequences, including expensive litigation, Federal Program Monitoring audit findings, and substantial loss of time and resources. **It is important to ensure the UCP protocols are followed correctly, and, while there are many opportunities for training on federal complaint**

procedures like Title IX, trainings that focuses on the complexities of the UCP are rare.

The CSBA Legal Services team will fill that void through an exclusive, in-depth training session focused specifically on UCP happening April 29 at CSBA headquarters in West Sacramento. This new training is designed for school district administrators, compliance officers, complaint coordinators and board members seeking to enhance their understanding of the UCP requirements and ensure compliance with state regulations. [Learn more and register »](#)

Register now for the GAMUT Spring Webinar Series



The GAMUT Spring Webinar Series continues with a focus on time-saving features and best practices that help governance teams stay organized and up to date. Register for upcoming sessions:

Recording Minutes and Votes in GAMUT Meetings, April 24, 11 a.m.

Accurate meeting minutes and vote recording are essential for transparency and compliance. This session will provide a walkthrough of best practices using GAMUT Meetings, including real-time notetaking, vote documentation and minute approvals. [Register »](#)

Best Practices — Processing Updates in GAMUT Policy Plus, May 27, 11 a.m.

Staying up to date with policy changes is essential for maintaining an accurate and compliant board policy manual. This session will help you navigate the policy update process efficiently, saving time and clicks while ensuring your policies remain current with each new quarterly release. [Register »](#)

Getting to Know GAMUT — The Total Board Management Solution; Saving Time and Streamlining Processes, June 30, 11 a.m.

In this webinar, the GAMUT team will guide attendees through using GAMUT Meetings, GAMUT Policy and Policy Plus, GAMUT Documents and GAMUT Communications to manage board activities, maintain compliance and enhance transparency. By using GAMUT's integrated solutions, organizations can streamline processes and improve collaboration across teams. [Register »](#)

Commission on Teacher Credentialing reviews teacher data and works toward long-term goals



The **April 10-11 meeting of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)** saw the presentation of a yearly teacher supply report, rich discussions regarding additional authorizations to the Childhood Development Permit and recommendations from the workgroup tasked with reviewing the Teacher Performance Assessments, and business related to two new assessments.

Each year the commission is required to report to the Governor and the Legislature on the number of teachers who received credentials, certificates, permits and waivers to teach in California public schools. In addition to the written report, the educator supply dashboards have been updated with the most recent data. The commission approved the transmittal of the report, which includes highlights such as the issuance of 17,328 new teaching credentials by the CTC. [Read a full recap on the CSBA blog »](#)

Salary Compensation Studies



Long-term retention of experienced employees is more cost-effective than seeking and recruiting new ones. At the same time, attracting the best candidates is vital for maintaining the highest quality staff in a local educational agency. **School administrators understand the pivotal role a competitive compensation package plays in employee satisfaction and long-term retention, as well as attracting new talent.** Bargaining units

often have an inaccurate perception of compensation packages, which can impact employee morale and complicate negotiations.

TSS Compensation Studies have been instrumental in improving employee morale, job satisfaction and retention as well as providing accurate information for **negotiations**. With a deep understanding of the educational landscape, collaborative work with the employee bargaining units, and knowledge of available resources, TSS Compensation Studies can provide comprehensive, logical and practical solutions for LEAs. [Learn more »](#)

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Virtual events

Masters in Governance (MIG) Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration
April 23-24 | [Register](#)

SBM Legacy and Transition Planning for Policy Initiatives
April 28 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 3: School Finance 1 & 2
May 5-June 16 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistant (EA) Rho: Governance 2A/2B
May 15-16 | [Register](#)

In-person events

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining
April 26 | Visalia | [Register](#)

Universal Complaint Procedures (UCP) University
April 29 | West Sacramento | [Register](#)

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining
May 3 | Hayward | [Register](#)

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining
May 3 | Riverside | [Register](#)

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

Sponsors



May 7 | San Diego | [Register](#)

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

May 12 | Camarillo | 12 p.m. | [Register](#)

May 12 | Camarillo | 5 p.m. | [Register](#)

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