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Gov. Gavin Newsom released his May Budget Revise this morning and CSBA's Governmental Relations team has been digging into the details. Stay tuned for an in-depth look at how funding for public schools will be impacted later today, and [register now](#) to join CSBA staff and guest experts at 11 a.m. on May 19 for a closer analysis of the budget from an education perspective.

Legal update: Education Department termination of COVID relief funds reversed



On May 6, a federal judge in the Southern District of New York issued a preliminary injunction against the U.S. Department of Education (ED), preventing the ED from rescinding its prior extension of time for state and local educational agencies to access federal education stabilization funds, including COVID-19 pandemic relief. The case arose from the ED's March 28 letter notifying all state chiefs

of education that, after a reconsideration of a previously granted extension of time to liquidate the funds involved, it had decided to end the liquidation period on the same day.

Following the release of the ED's letter, California, alongside 15 other states and the District of Columbia, sued in federal court. The order, which only applies to the plaintiffs in the case (thus providing relief to California LEAs), **also prohibits the ED from modifying previously approved liquidation periods, without providing notice to plaintiffs at least 14 days** before any such modification becomes effective. **The order will remain in place until either the end of the litigation or if the court issues another order overriding this injunction.**

County leaders: Register for the 2025 County Board Conference



County board members, superintendents and staff can now register for the **2025 County Board Conference**, which will be hosted **Sept. 5–7 at the scenic Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa in Monterey**. Designed to empower and inspire county governance teams, this conference **offers a unique platform to address pressing issues facing county offices of education (COEs), analyze the state of local public schools and**

collaborate on strategies to strengthen student support across all 58 California counties.

This year's conference will **provide access to unique and empowering sessions, compelling keynote speakers and valuable networking opportunities with fellow county leaders**, so be sure to **secure early bird registration pricing by registering before June 26. Session proposals are being accepted through Friday, June 6** — share county initiatives and expertise that is making a difference for students and families! For questions about county board member services, email countyboard@csba.org. [Learn more and register »](#)

Federal update: Unsafe School Choice Option provision guidance

On May 7, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education



[sent a letter to all chief state school officers](#) providing guidance on the **Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 Unsafe School Choice Option provision**, which requires states to “establish and implement a policy designed to ensure students in persistently dangerous schools are provided with an opportunity to attend a safe public elementary or secondary school, including a public charter

school.”

Specifically, the guidance **calls for local educational agencies to provide a school choice option for students who attend a public K-12 school that the state has determined to be “persistently dangerous” based on state-determined criteria established in consultation with a representative sample of LEAs; or if the student becomes the victim of a violent criminal offense while on school grounds of the campus they attend.** [Read the full letter »](#)

State Board takes a deep dive into Dashboard indicators, adopts revised State Literacy Plan



The **California State Board of Education’s May 7 meeting** consisted largely of informational items related to the **California School Dashboard**, including the **College/Career Indicator measures**, options for adoption of **growth model performance categories**, **long-term English learners**, options to incorporate the **Science Indicator** and more. Other meeting topics included discussions on the **development and**

curation of high-quality instructional materials and the **adoption of the revised Comprehensive State Literacy Plan.** [Read a full meeting recap on the CSBA blog »](#)

LegislatED is back to provide trustees the information they need on critical education bills



CSBA’s **LegislatED** video series aims to **accurately and briefly explain the impacts of public education legislation.** Catch up now with two videos featuring Chief of Communications Troy Flint as he breaks down **CSBA-sponsored Assembly Bill 1021 and AB 1381** — two pieces of legislation that will support the advancement of education workforce housing projects in

local educational agencies across California — and **CSBA-sponsored AB 1224**, which would expand the amount of time an authorized substitute teacher

could serve in a classroom to 60 days, providing more instructional stability for students. Stay up to date on the latest news! Follow CSBA on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter/X](#).

Spring edition of *California Schools* magazine available online



The spring issue of *California Schools* magazine includes features detailing how local educational agencies can use data and evidence-based practices to close achievement gaps, sharing wisdom from some of the state's longest-serving trustees, and examining the critical role county offices of education play in public education. Other highlights include legal and research updates,

articles on Santa Barbara County Education Office's career prep program, a culinary program in Turlock Unified School District, interviews with leaders from the National Center on School Infrastructure and Digital Promise and more! [Read it now »](#)

Golden Award nominations are open



Submit your nomination for CSBA's Golden Awards Program before the application window closes on June 27! The Golden Bell Awards honor the hard work and dedication of governing boards and district staff in creating innovative programs that improve student achievement and well-being in the state's preK-12 public schools. The Golden Gavel Awards recognize effective governance and

boardsmanship of both an individual board member and a governance team, and the Golden Quill Awards recognize the important role education journalists play in creating awareness in the community. [Find tips on the application process and apply »](#)

Reduce costs, streamline compliance and simplify procurement with Golden State Technology Solutions

Golden State Technology Solutions enables local educational agencies to purchase hardware, software, training, consulting and cybersecurity services — all while saving time and money and freeing resources for student support. At a time when technology plays a



greater role in schools than ever before, Golden State Technology Solutions **demystifies the purchasing process and help school districts, county offices of education and business officials efficiently source technology service providers.**

Districts of every size will benefit from group purchasing power while saving resources commonly spent through the time-consuming

Request for Proposals process. Golden State Technology Solutions is a partnership between **CSBA, the California Association of School Business Officials and Carahsoft Technology Corp. to reduce costs, streamline compliance and simplify technology procurement** for California public schools. [Learn more »](#)

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Virtual events

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

June 4 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistant (EA) Rho: Job Mechanics 3A/3B

June 5-6 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

June 13 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistant (EA) Rho: Governance Integration

June 27 | [Register](#)

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

Aug. 4 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

Aug. 15 | [Register](#)

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

Sept. 3 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

Sept. 3 | [Register](#)

In-person events

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Sponsors



**5: Community Relations & Advocacy/
Governance Integration**

June 7 | Alameda | [Register](#)

June 7 | Riverside | [Register](#)

County Board Conference

Sept. 5-7 | Monterey | [Register](#)

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