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Legislative update: Legislature adopts its budget framework, including Prop 98 withholding



On June 13, the Legislature passed its balanced budget. The budget bill, **Senate Bill 101** (Wiener, D-San Francisco), reflects an agreement between the Assembly and the Senate. Gov. Gavin Newsom, however, has yet to agree to the adopted budget. As in past years where the Legislature has sent its budget to the Governor to meet the constitutional deadline of June 15, the remaining sticking points will be addressed via follow-up budget legislation. Referred to as budget

trailer bills, there will likely be numerous trailer bills to reflect the final agreements between the Governor and the Legislature.

Although most of the details have yet to be agreed to, **one area of great concern was the inclusion of the Governor's proposed withholding of \$1.3 billion in Proposition 98 funding from the current year**. This is yet another manipulation of Prop 98, the second in as many years, to release fiscal pressure on the non-Prop 98 side of the state's General Fund. This manipulation sets a dangerous precedent where future legislatures and governors could use this withholding to undermine public education funding.

Advocacy continues to be needed to tell the Legislature and Governor to remove the withholding of \$1.3 billion in Prop 98 funding and protect the state's minimum funding guarantee. CSBA will not walk away from protecting Proposition 98. [Send a pre-formatted email to the Governor and Legislature to reject the withholding »](#)

Legal update: Supreme Court issues decision in disability discrimination case



On June 12, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in *A.J.T. v. Osseo*, a case that examined whether claims by students arguing disability discrimination by school districts under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Rehabilitation Act of 1973 require a showing of "bad faith or gross misjudgment." The Court was unanimous in finding that this standard is incorrect and determined courts should rely on a lower standard of "deliberate indifference," which applies to other claims of discrimination.

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Under this decision, students with disabilities have a right to bring claims of disability discrimination under any law without limitation and are not subject to any heightened standard to show discrimination, which affords students and parents greater opportunities to seek recovery when they feel discrimination based on disability has occurred. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

Last chance: Submit application for AEC student entertainment, Golden Awards



Deadlines for submitting applications to highlight the talents of students and those dedicated to uplifting public education are fast approaching.

Let students take center stage at CSBA's **2025 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show** (AEC), happening Wednesday, Dec. 3, through Friday, Dec. 5, in Sacramento. AEC welcomes thousands of members from California's diverse

education community, offering an **excellent opportunity to recognize student successes in the arts and showcase California talent**. Submissions from

orchestras, choral groups, soloists, thespians and other student performers are being accepted through June 25. Performance time will be approximately 8-10 minutes in front of a full house of California's education leaders. [Learn more and apply »](#)

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. [Learn more and apply »](#)

Read the June edition of *California School News*



The details of the Governor's May Budget Revise and insights from the recent Delegate Assembly from CSBA President Dr. Bettye Lusk are some highlights of the June newsletter. Additional articles cover educator salaries, student-led initiatives to boost engagement, strategies to combat summer learning loss, ways to reduce chronic absenteeism among homeless youth, steps to advance

equitable and supportive discipline practices, a recap of CSBA's webinar on legal considerations for artificial intelligence implementation and more. [Read it now »](#)

CITE shares AI resources for educators at CSBA webinar



On June 10, CSBA's AI Taskforce hosted its fourth and final [webinar](#), "Navigating AI Policy, Privacy and Procurement with CITE: A primer for TK-12 board members," which covered five elements that local educational agencies can explore as they consider artificial intelligence (AI) and how it may fit into their schools.

Those include developing guiding principles, responsible use agreements and policy around student data privacy as well as establishing the role of institutional technology leaders and AI literacy, as discussed by Laurel Nava, deputy executive director of California IT in Education (CITE), and Kelly Hilton, director of technology at San Ramon Valley School District and a CITE-certified chief technology officer. Resources to support LEAs were also shared. [Read a recap on the CSBA blog »](#)

CCEE centers set goals for 2025–26



The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) board convened on June 12 to hear presentations on the accomplishments of the agency's three centers in 2024–25 and their respective goals for 2025–26.

Some highlights from this year include actions taken by the Transformative Systems for Equitable Educational Outcomes Center's to strengthen the

Statewide System of Support (SSOS) through coordination and collaboration as well as the launch of the online SSOS resource hub and directory; the Innovation, Instruction and Impact Center's work to advance better data practices and support the state's ability to use data more effectively; and the Teaching, Learning and Leading Center's successes related to Direct Technical Assistance, including three schools involved in the Intensive Assistance Model being recognized by Solution Tree. [Learn more »](#)

Save with the GO Bond Refunding Pool



For more than 30 years, California school districts and community college districts have **saved time and money by issuing tax and revenue anticipation notes (TRANs)** through the **California School Cash Reserve Program Authority** sponsored by CSBA and the **California Association of School Business Officials**, the largest pooled TRAN financing in the nation. The GO Bond Refunding Pool

continues this tradition by allowing districts to **unlock taxpayer savings by driving down costs** through an easy-to-use shared financing platform. [Learn more »](#)

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Virtual events

Executive Assistant (EA) Rho: Governance Integration
June 27 | [Register](#)

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158
Aug. 4 | [Register](#)
Sept. 3 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act
Aug. 15 | [Register](#)

Sponsors



Sept. 3 | [Register](#)

In-person events

**Masters in Governance (MIG) Course 4:
Human Resources/Collective Bargaining**
Aug. 16 | Visalia | [Register](#)

**MIG Course 5: Community Relations &
Advocacy/Governance Integration**
Aug. 23 | Visalia | [Register](#)

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



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