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Legislative update: State revenues exceed budget projections; Prop 98 withholding still in play



After the April 15 tax deadline, Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Department of Finance (DOF) will begin tweaking the budget proposed in January to factor in those new revenues. **While the change in fiscal estimates won't be revealed until May, the trend in tax receipts since January has shown that the Governor's estimates were conservative.**

In March, **the DOF announced that tax receipts through February exceeded revenue**

projections for the current fiscal year by \$7 billion, or just over 5 percent. This tracks with a previous fiscal outlook update from the Legislative Analyst's Office reporting that the state could outpace expectations by more than \$8 billion. Notably, both personal income and corporation taxes outperformed the estimates the state adopted last July, whereas the Governor's January estimates were buoyed by personal income taxes alone.

While this windfall would normally be welcome news for school funding, which would receive approximately 40 percent of every new dollar, increased economic volatility since the conflict in Iran began may cause the Governor to double down on his proposal to withhold \$5.6 billion in Proposition 98 funding because of the increased uncertainty. The Governor must release his revised budget, known as the May Revise, by May 14 and CSBA will break down the details shortly after.

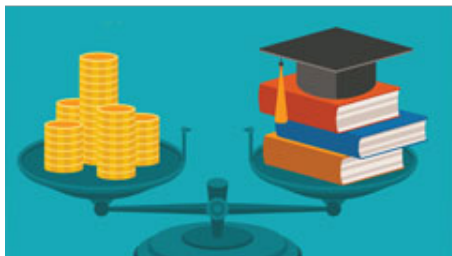
Read the *California School News* April issue



The April edition of *California School News* is available online now. This issue features **recaps of the SOS for Student Achievement legislative package announcement, the 2026 Counties Governance Workshop and Legislative Action Week**, as well as a look into **new CSBA resources** including **fact sheets on newcomer students** and **the board bylaw on professional development**, sweeping new **legislative**

requirements to enhance student safety, and program highlights from Butte County Office of Education, Compton Unified School District and National SD. [Read the newsletter »](#)

Federal update: Reading instruction and educator pipeline grant competitions



The U.S. Departments of Education and Labor launched **new K-12 grant competitions focused on the Innovative Approaches to Literacy and Teacher and School Leader Incentive** programs. Eligible applicants — including state and local educational agencies, nonprofits and other qualified organizations — must **submit detailed proposals outlining program design, implementation plans, measurable outcomes**

and evaluation strategies by June 9.

- The [Innovative Approaches to Literacy](#) program supports high-quality programs to improve literacy skills for birth through 12th-grade students in high-need LEAs by promoting innovative literacy programs that support the development of literacy skills in low-income communities.

- The **Teacher and School Leader Incentive** supports the development, implementation or expansion of comprehensive performance-based compensation systems or human capital management systems for teachers, principals or other school leaders in high-need schools. These funds may also support efforts such as recruitment and retention, career advancement pathways, leadership development and improved evaluation systems.

Updated legal guidance on immigration



Since 2017, CSBA's legal experts have regularly updated **guidance developed to provide local educational agency governing boards with clarity regarding their responsibilities under federal and state immigration law**. A new update to the guidance provides information about current law and policy **as of the first quarter of 2026**, including changes related to new state laws and federal guidance. CSBA will continue to

provide updates as the legal landscape changes. [View the guidance »](#)

State update: Annual online school library evaluation



The California Department of Education (CDE) released an **online data collection evaluation tool to meet Education Code Section 18122, which directs local governing boards to report to the CDE on the condition of school libraries**. The annual online evaluation is now open to collect information from individual schools about their libraries in 2025–26. **It will be active through Aug. 31**. Prior-year evaluation responses

are also available. [Learn more »](#)

CSBA Business Partner webinar: OPEB fundamentals and considerations



Register now for a detailed **dive into other post-employment benefits (OPEB)** from an actuary's perspective — CSBA business partner Foster & Foster. Senior Consulting Actuary Drew D. Ballard will **cover topics including basic actuarial terms, benefit design components, funding strategies and a Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 75 overview** in a

conversation moderated by CSBA Senior Director of Business Development James Collins. This webinar will take place at **11 a.m. on April 23**. [Register »](#)

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 »](#)

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Virtual events

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

May 5 | [Register](#)

June 22 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

June 26 | [Register](#)

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

June 15 and 29 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/ Governance Integration

July 13 and 27 | [Register](#)

In-person events

Education Workforce Housing 101

Workshop Series: Part 1

May 1 | San Diego | [Register](#)

May 8 | Daly City | [Register](#)

MIG Course 5: Community Relations &

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Advocacy/ Governance Integration

May 2 | Chico | [Register](#)

May 2 | San Jose | [Register](#)

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