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CSBA leads press conference with coalition of education leaders in support of full Prop 98 funding



On May 5, **CSBA and fellow statewide education leaders, school officials and educators held a press conference calling for the restoration of full Proposition 98 funding and the rejection of Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposal to shortchange education funding by \$5.6 billion in the 2026–27 State Budget.** During the event at Washington Unified School District's River City High School (RCHS), participants

explained that Prop 98 is a voter-approved constitutional guarantee intended to ensure stable, predictable funding for public education. **The proposal withholds approximately \$900 per student in Prop 98 funding.**

“For the third year in a row, Gov. Newsom has attempted to run an end around past the school funding guarantee the voters put in place. And that should concern everyone: not just educators, but anyone who believes in honoring the will of voters and the integrity of our Constitution. Because once we begin to redefine what a ‘guarantee’ means, it stops being a guarantee at all,” said CSBA President Dr. Debra Schade.

Other speakers included California Federation of Teachers Early Childhood/TK-12 Council President Steve McDougall; **Association of California School Administrators** Executive Director Edgar Zazueta; **Washington USD** Superintendent Cheryl P. Hildreth; Washington USD teacher, president of the **West Sacramento Teachers Association and California Teachers Association** member Doug Knepp; **Petaluma City Schools** teacher Jenny Hlebakos; and **RCHS student** Clayton Pour. [Read a full recap on the CSBA blog »](#)

Help stop the manipulation of Proposition 98



In addition to the May 5 press conference that brought together a coalition of education leaders from the classroom to the boardroom, **CSBA is requesting its members take action and tell their local legislators and Gov. Gavin Newsom to reject the Governor’s proposed Proposition 98 withholding.**

Prop 98 is a voter-approved, constitutional guarantee designed to ensure schools receive stable, predictable funding, especially in difficult times. However, for the third consecutive year, **Gov. Newsom’s budget proposal manipulates and withholds funding guaranteed for schools under Prop 98, stripping \$5.6 billion — more than \$900 per student — from California classrooms.** [Send a message to legislators and the Governor to tell them not to shortchange public education and reject the proposed \\$5.6 billion Prop 98 withholding »](#)

Submit 2027 CSBA officer nomination forms



The **CSBA Candidate Review Committee invites CSBA members to participate in this year’s election process for the offices of Vice President and President-elect.** Nominations may be made by either a school or county board that is a member of CSBA, or by an individual member of a CSBA member board. **Officer nomination forms are due no later than Friday, June 5.**

Please consider running yourself or encourage others to run for CSBA office. [Learn more](#)

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AAPI Heritage Month spotlight: Clovis USD celebrates student success through cultural connections



With **Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month** in full swing, learn about Clovis Unified School District's **Asian American Student Success Conference**, which celebrates a different region annually. In 2025, Cambodian culture was spotlighted while focusing on the theme of "Where Traditions Inspire Tomorrow." This is one of several cultural celebrations Clovis USD holds throughout the

year. [Read more on the CSBA blog](#) »

Federal update: Mental Health Awareness Month toolkit



In observance of Mental Health Awareness Month, which takes place annually in May, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has developed a **toolkit to help raise awareness and share comprehensive resources** including crisis lines, available grants, community partners and more. [Explore the toolkit](#) »

CSBA researchers in the field



The American Educational Research Association (AERA) held its annual convention in Los Angeles from April 8-12. AERA is one of the largest national education research societies in the United States, with nearly 25,000 members. This year's conference featured more than 2,500 sessions addressing a wide range of national and international education policy issues across TK-12 and higher education. **CSBA Principal Research**

Manager Jeremy Anderson and Education Policy Analyst Morgan Garvey attended the conference and joined a community of more than 14,000 education and policy researchers from universities and nonprofits, as well as practitioners and others in education-related fields.

CSBA staff attended a variety of sessions that showcased original research on community schools in rural areas, special education for students experiencing homelessness, disciplinary literacy practices, challenges in math curriculum adoption, anti-racism in early childhood education, school boards navigating heightened political tensions and more. **CSBA staff attend conferences such as AERA to bring school board members' voices to discussions at the intersection of research and practice, and to stay up to date on cutting-edge findings in the field that inform our resources for board members across the state.**

Stabilize today, protect tomorrow: Build your fiscal toolbox



Amid declining enrollment, rising healthcare costs, and funding uncertainty, districts need a strong fiscal toolbox for long-term stability. Join industry experts from CSBA and the Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) for an upcoming webinar, “**Navigating the 2026–27 May Revise: Build Your Fiscal Toolbox**,” on June 4 for updates on the Governor’s May Budget Revise and strategies to manage other post-employment

benefits (OPEB) liabilities, strengthen balance sheets, protect operating dollars and improve financial resilience through a Section 115 Trust. [Learn more and register »](#)

Stay up to date with the latest news and resources on the [CSBA blog](#).

In-person events

Education Workforce Housing 101

Workshop Series: Part 1

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

Virtual events

California Council of School Attorneys (CCSA) 2026 Spring Workshop

May 15 | [Register](#)

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

June 22 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

June 26 | [Register](#)

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

Sponsors



June 15 and 29 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/ Governance Integration

July 13 and 27 | [Register](#)

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