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Legislative update: Assembly Democrats release their budget priorities in advance of May Budget Revise



On May 7, **Assembly Democrats released their priorities for the 2026–27 State Budget.**

Referred to as the Road Map to a Responsible and Compassionate Budget, **the proposal highlights combating funding cuts made by the Trump administration, preserving health access, and driving affordability, housing and fiscal responsibility.**

With Gov. Gavin Newsom's May Budget Revise expected to be released May 14, the announcement of the Assembly's budget priorities comes on the heels of the State Senate's announcement in mid-April. **Though not as detailed as the [Senate's](#)**

proposal, the Assembly joins the Senate in proposing to reject the Governor's proposal to withhold \$5.6 billion in Proposition 98 funding. The Assembly indicated it will direct new funding in ways that encourage fiscal responsibility, provide more stable base funding and prepare for a tougher economic outlook. Childcare, special education and paid teacher preparation are also highlighted as areas of need.

The **Legislative Analyst's Office projects** that the May Revise will include an additional \$25 billion in revenues, setting the stage for significant changes to the Governor's January Budget Proposal.

Advocacy is still needed to oppose the Governor's actions and encourage legislators to reject the proposed manipulation of Prop 98. Take action now and send a message to the Governor and your legislators opposing the maneuver »

Attend CSBA's May Budget Revise webinar



Join CSBA's Governmental Relations team and CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy for a **webinar at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 18, covering Gov. Gavin Newsom's May Budget Revise**, which is due by May 14. Attendees will get a **thorough breakdown of the Governor's updated budget proposal and obtain insights relevant to governance teams as the state approaches the final weeks of the 2026–27**

budget cycle.

As of now, much hangs in the balance regarding **whether the Governor will maintain the withholding of \$5.6 billion in Proposition 98 funding included in his January proposal** — amounting to a loss of more than \$900 per student if adopted. **CSBA and other public education advocacy organizations have made it their priority to persuade the Governor and the Legislature to reject this proposal** and uphold the state's commitment to public education and the State Constitution, holding a press conference on May 5 to garner attention and support ahead of the revise. [Read a recap of the press conference](#) | [Watch a recording](#)

Other priorities include whether the state will retain the Governor's proposal to increase funding for small school districts and county offices of education, commit to a discretionary block grant to help with rising costs and continue to support the Local Control Funding Formula. [Register for the webinar »](#)

Register for the 2026 Counties Conference

Registration is now open for the **2026 CSBA Counties Conference**, happening **Sept. 25-27 in Marina del Rey**, with a special discounted rate available through July 9. This conference convenes county board trustees, superintendents and staff from across the state. **With three days of peer-led sessions and networking**



opportunities, attendees will focus on the unique issues shaping county offices of education, hear directly from education leaders and share what's actually working in their communities.

Breakout sessions led by fellow county board members give participants the opportunity to learn directly from their counterparts in a format that fosters candid, solution-focused conversations.

Workshop proposals are being accepted through June 12. [Learn more »](#)

Read the spring edition of *California Schools*



The spring issue of *California Schools* magazine is available online now and includes articles on how local educational agencies are supporting foster youth, common issues in special education and how LEAs are addressing them with innovative solutions, and what education leaders should know about the evolving crime of sextortion.

Additionally, it highlights the upcoming 250th anniversary of America's founding and the importance of civics education, including a column on the topic from CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy; CSBA's Small School District Advisory Workgroup's research and guidance on the role of the superintendent-principal; Westside Union Elementary School District's Extended Day Reading Intervention Program; insights on labor negotiations and more. [Read the magazine »](#)

Introducing the Small Schools, Big Ideas blog series



Small school districts face unique challenges like limited resources and staff but still must deliver on large expectations. They also hold a powerful advantage: deep community connections and the ability to make a big impact fast. **CSBA is recognizing the work of these small but mighty districts through the Small Schools, Big Ideas blog series**, which kicked off highlighting the following programs:

The **Southwest Transportation Agency is a nonprofit agency that provides bus services to 13 local educational agencies in Fresno County to ensure approximately 7,000 students make it to and from school safely every day.** On May 1, CSBA Public Affairs and Community Engagement Representative Cecilio Barrera and Kathy Spate, Caruthers USD trustee and CSBA Region 10 Director, toured the transportation facilities and spoke to Agency Director Gary Geringer to **learn more about**

how the Southwest Transportation Agency supports LEAs in the region. [Read the interview »](#)

Started by current **Gustine Unified School District trustee Zachery Ramos when he was just 17, the Gustine Traveling Library recently hit a milestone by distributing its 350,000th free book to youth in underprivileged communities.** Ramos was able to grow the program with the support of fellow board members and the community at large. The traveling library works with schools by providing supplemental support for students, teachers and families through activities such as literacy nights, classroom visits, book giveaways, student incentive programs, career and community events, and family-friendly educational activities. **A related initiative born from the traveling library is the Read, Explore, Achieve, Dream Program.** [Learn more »](#)

Maximize your budget, lower administrative costs and streamline the procurement process



Since 1998, BuyBoard has been providing local educational agencies with increased purchasing power, lower administrative costs and compliance with legal requirements. **BuyBoard vendors have been awarded contracts for products and services through a competitive procurement process, thereby giving members the opportunity for bulk discounts, combined with the ease of online shopping.** Find everything

from classroom teaching aid supplies and equipment and furniture to custodial supplies and equipment or field lighting products. [Learn more »](#)

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

In-person events

Masters in Governance (MIG) for County Offices of Education (COE) Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement | Policy & Judicial Review

Aug. 14 | Woodland | [Register](#)

MIG COE Course 3: Finance & Facilities

Aug. 15 | Woodland | [Register](#)

MIG COE Course 4: Community Relations and Advocacy | Governance Integration

Sept. 24 | Marina del Rey | [Register](#)

2026 CSBA Counties Conference

Sept. 25-27 | Marina del Rey | [Register](#)

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Virtual events

**California Council of School Attorneys
(CCSA) 2026 Spring Workshop**

May 15 | [Register](#)

**MIG Course 4: Human
Resources/Collective Bargaining**

June 15 and 29 | [Register](#)

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

June 22 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

June 26 | [Register](#)

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

July 13 and 27 | [Register](#)

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