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Legislative update: SOS for Student Achievement legislative package clears Senate Education Committee



CSBA's **SOS for Student Achievement legislative package sailed through the Senate Education Committee on June 24**, bringing California one step closer to finally addressing one of the education system's most pressing problems — the lack of alignment and coherence between the many state agencies that oversee public education at the state level.

The bill package is **designed to transform the state's system of education governance by focusing more squarely on supporting local educational agencies in closing achievement gaps, creating a more coherent and aligned state system, and using data-based outcomes to guide budget and policy decisions.**

LEA leaders including CSBA President and Solana Beach School District Board Vice President Dr. Debra Schade, CSBA Region 6 Director and El Dorado Union High School District trustee Jessica Rodgers, Winters Joint Unified School District Superintendent Rody Boonchouy, Washington USD Superintendent Cheryl Hildreth and Santa Clara County Board of Education Vice President Jessica Speiser were present to testify on behalf of the bills. [Learn more about the legislation »](#)

New CSBA resource on *Plyler v. Doe*



For over 40 years, U.S. law has dictated that undocumented children are entitled to a free public education under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Since the landmark ruling by the Supreme Court that created this legal principle, *Plyler v. Doe*, there have been numerous attempts at the state and federal level to circumvent it to deny education to undocumented children. While previous attempts have been unsuccessful, **there**

has been a resurgence in such efforts accompanied by calls for the Supreme Court to overturn *Plyler*. Accordingly, CSBA has taken steps to understand and project the potential consequences for local educational agencies in California were *Plyler* to be overturned. [Read this and other immigration-related resources »](#)

Register now for UCP University



Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) can be challenging for local educational agencies to follow — and failure to comply can bring costly consequences, including expensive litigation, Federal Program Monitoring audit findings, and substantial loss of time and resources. **Join CSBA's Legal Services team Aug. 18 at CSBA's headquarters in West Sacramento for UCP University** to get an in-depth breakdown of the

complexities of UCP.

This **training is open to all and is designed for administrators, compliance officers, complaint coordinators and board members** seeking to enhance their understanding of the UCP requirements and ensure compliance with state regulations. [Register »](#)

CCEE sets sights on 2026–27 goals

At the **June 18 California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) board meeting**, the organization's three centers — the Center for Transformative Systems; the Innovation,



Instruction and Impact Center; and the Teaching, Learning, and Leading Center — **shared their accomplishments** for 2025–26 and intentions for 2026–27. This included receiving feedback from the board which largely reinforced ongoing efforts.

Executive Director Matt Navo explained that **the CCEE’s objectives for 2026–27 would be the same as they were in 2025–26**. Some

include **strengthening collaboration across Statewide System of Support partners to foster interdependency and provide better access to resources and services for local educational agencies in their work to improve student achievement**; facilitating the application of evidence-based continuous improvement processes within LEAs; identifying, vetting and disseminating emerging best practices, strategies and information to address LEAs’ priority areas; and supporting those in need of targeted assistance to achieve Local Control and Accountability Plan goals. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

Salary compensation studies provide practical solutions



Long-term retention of experienced employees is more cost-effective than recruiting new ones. At the same time, attracting the best candidates is vital for maintaining the highest quality staff in a local educational agency. **School administrators understand the pivotal role a competitive compensation package plays in employee satisfaction and long-term retention, as well as attracting new talent.** Bargaining units often have

an inaccurate perception of compensation packages, which can impact employee morale and complicate negotiations. **Total School Solutions (TSS) Compensation Studies have been instrumental in improving employee morale, job satisfaction and retention as well as providing accurate information for negotiations.** With a deep understanding of the educational landscape, collaborative work with employee bargaining units and knowledge of available resources, TSS Compensation Studies can provide comprehensive, logical and practical solutions for LEAs. [Learn more »](#)

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