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Legislative update: State adopts 2026–27 budget that includes Prop 98 withholding



On June 29, **the state adopted the 2026–27 budget agreement.** Described as balanced for the next two years, the state projects that it will have no operational deficits for the next 18 months — through 2027. However, **the budget includes a number of concerning and problematic approaches to public education funding. Among them is the \$3.9 billion withholding of Proposition 98 funding,** equating to \$644 per

pupil, which CSBA has worked to oppose with coalition partners. The maneuver raises concerns that the Legislature and Governor are setting a worrisome precedent whereby this tactic could be used repeatedly to help offset growing costs on the non-Prop 98 side of the budget.

Although the education budget trailer bill (Assembly Bill/Senate Bill 126) has not been voted on yet, it is expected to be taken up and passed by the Legislature on

July 2. In addition to the withholding, the budget includes the following:

- The proposed “super” cost-of-living adjustment of 4.31 percent, which includes the requirement that local educational agencies provide 14 weeks of paid pregnancy disability leave.
- Adds non-LEA based preschools to Prop 98, which includes an initial re-benching of Prop 98 to reflect the growth in costs but does not account for increased funding in future years to accommodate anticipated growth in the program.
- Equalizes the per-pupil special education base rate by allocating \$2.4 billion in ongoing Prop 98 funding to provide all LEAs a uniform per-pupil rate of \$1,340.
- Maintains the proposed \$5 billion in one-time discretionary funding via the Student Support and Professional Development discretionary block grant, which will go out on an average daily attendance (ADA) basis.

The Legislature will be going on a four-week summer recess beginning July 3. Upon their return Aug. 3, they have just over four weeks to dispense with all remaining legislation before they must adjourn the two-year 2025–26 legislative session at midnight Aug. 31.

Federal update: FCC to review E-Rate program



On June 25, **the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved a plan to review the E-Rate program** to ensure “E-Rate-funded networks and services are being used for educational purposes, while also strengthening E-Rate program integrity and streamlining program administration to support learning opportunities,” according to a press release.

In addition to the performance of program integrity checks, public comment will be invited on topics including screentime, students’ online safety and Children’s Internet Protection Act implementation, whether services funded by E-Rate dollars are being used for educational purposes and if the program should be narrowed or reoriented. This development comes as the national conversation around young people’s screentime and its impact continues. The item is expected to be published in the Federal Register in the upcoming weeks. [Learn more »](#)

Small Schools, Big Ideas: Nuvview Union SD Beyond the Bell



Nuvview Union School District (NUSD) is a small local educational agency in Nuevo, an unincorporated area in Riverside County nestled between the City of Riverside, Palm Springs and Temecula. NUSD serves about 2,200 students — 90 percent of whom are English learners, foster youth or are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Research, state and national data show these student groups were among those

most impacted by the pandemic both academically and at home. Such outcomes were no different in NUSD, but according to officials, **the district's Beyond the Bell Program is turning things around by improving student outcomes, teacher morale and more.**

As the largest employer in Nuevo — a town of under 7,000 people — the district prioritizes hiring from within the community, thereby allowing it to invest back into the community it serves. **CSBA Public Affairs and Community Engagement Representative (PACER) Denisse Lopez received a firsthand look at some of the program offerings** and spoke to Erica Williams, NUSD director of Educational Services and Expanded Learning Opportunities Program, **to learn more about how the Beyond the Bell program is supporting the 340 students that participate.** [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

CTC approves steps toward system to address teacher misassignments



The **California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) met June 26 and approved recommended staff actions related to teacher misassignment monitoring sanctions** — a proposal for a new intervention system of school-level teacher misassignment identification, support and improvement to increase placements of fully credentialed teachers in their relevant credential areas — **despite**

objections from CSBA and other organizations during public comment.

The system, which builds on previous proposals, is intended to support California public schools “at an appropriate level based on the percentage of their assignments that are uncorrected misassignments,” according to the [agenda item](#). In addition to receiving tiered support, a school would receive differentiated training based on its type or level. **CSBA Legislative Director Chris Reeve submitted a letter to the CTC and spoke during public comment at the June meeting** stating that **CSBA remains “significantly concerned about the basis and approach the CTC is taking to address the misassignment of teachers** and believe that further research, evaluation and assessment are needed before any formal action is taken.” [Read a full meeting recap on the CSBA blog »](#)

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

MIG COE Course 3: Finance & Facilities

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

Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) University

Aug. 18 | West Sacramento | [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](#)

2026 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show

Dec. 3-5 | San Diego | [Register](#)

Virtual events

Executive Assistant (EA) Upsilon: Understanding Culture 1A/1B

Aug. 20-21 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Sept. 8-16 | [Register](#)

EA Upsilon: Governance 2A/2B

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MIG Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review

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