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## Upcoming Events

**Education Insights: Demystifying Form 700** | Feb. 24 - Online

**LCFF Workshop** | Feb. 25 - Chico

**LCFF Workshop** | Feb. 26 - Sacramento

**Institute for New and First Term Board Members** | Feb. 28 - Burbank

**The Brown Act** | Feb. 28 - Burbank

**LCFF Workshop** | March 1 - Los Angeles

**LCFF Workshop** | March 4 - Fresno

**LCFF Workshop** | March 4 - Yreka

**LCFF Workshop** | March 6 - Burlingame

**LCFF Workshop** | March 11 -

## News

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### CSBA petitions U.S. Supreme Court in case on special education services

*Education Legal Alliance backs Tustin and Poway USDs*

CSBA's Education Legal Alliance has petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court about an appellate court's misapplication of the Americans with Disabilities Act that has national implications. The Alliance, in a friend-of-the-court brief joined by the National School Boards Association, urges the Supreme Court to review cases involving the Tustin and Poway unified school districts. The brief contends that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit misapplied the ADA to cases involving students with hearing impairments, rather than correctly applying the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. On review of each case, administrative hearing officers and a trial court found that the school district had fully complied with the IDEA. However, the 9th Circuit sided with the plaintiffs' appeal, saying that the ADA imposes additional obligations not covered under IDEA. Read the [ELA brief](#) and more about the cases [here](#).

### Executive search service launched

*CSBA partners with McPherson & Jacobson*

By popular demand, CSBA has launched a [new executive search service](#) in partnership with [McPherson & Jacobson LLC](#), a company that has been placed more than 500 superintendents and other officials in public and nonprofit organizations across the country since 1991. "Hiring the right executive to serve as superintendent is critical for any school district," said CSBA Executive Director & CEO Vernon M. Billy. "Our partnership with McPherson & Jacobson provides districts with a new and effective resource for that purpose." The service provides CSBA members with help from California-based consultants who are experienced in the state's educational landscape and understand the needs of local districts. McPherson & Jacobson consultants will work with local boards and key stakeholder groups to implement a comprehensive hiring process that results in selection of the most qualified candidate. Visit [our website](#) for more information

## Orange County

**LCFF Workshop | March 12 - San Diego**

**LCFF Workshop | March 13 - Imperial County**

**LCFF Workshop | March 14 - Ventura County Office of Education**

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## CSBA, LAO offer 2014-15 state budget analyses, recommendations

*Common ground and conflicts as debate gets under way*

Items recently added to CSBA's [online Legislative News page](#) include [CSBA Positions on 2014-15 State Budget](#) and the Legislative Analyst's Office's "[The 2014-15 Budget: Proposition 98 Education Analysis](#)." CSBA's six-page report expands on the budget analysis published in the current [California School News](#) and adds Governance First advocacy positions subsequently adopted by the Board of Directors. For example, it explains the significance of Gov. Brown's proposal to create a "continuous appropriation" for the Local Control Funding Formula for K-12—a position the LAO advises against. "A continuous appropriation in itself is a critical fix needed in statute," CSBA Assistant Executive Director for Governmental Relations Dennis Meyers explained in his analysis. "In times of late budgets ... categorical programs that were not part of the continuous appropriation were often held up until a budget was passed." CSBA's readers may be more open to the LAO's recommendations on high school career technical education—which are, in part, to "adopt an overall approach to CTE that focuses on student outcomes rather than the specific educational strategies used to accomplish those outcomes."

## Revised professional standards for principals adopted by CTC

*CSBA added governance perspective on key workgroup*

Updated standards for the training and professional development of principals and other school leaders were adopted by the California Commission on Teaching Credentialing last week. First adopted a decade ago, the California Professional Standards for Educational Leaders were due for revision in light of new state goals for community involvement, adoption of the Common Core State Standards and new goals for improving the school climate. Teri Burns, CSBA senior director for Policy and Programs, represented CSBA on the working group that developed the revised standards. "If you have a principal who's meeting these standards, you're going to have that great site leader that you need," Burns said. The standards lay the foundation in California for administrator preparation, induction, development, professional learning and evaluation. Read more [here](#).

## LCFF, Phase 2: New CSBA workshops coming

*Complimentary events begin Feb. 25 in Chico*

Phase 2 of CSBA's workshops to help local governance leaders implement the Local Control Funding Formula and develop Local Control and Accountability Plans will begin this month. Please join us for an interactive, two-hour presentation at one of the following locations:

- **Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6-8 p.m.: Chico High School, Williams Theater**

- [Wednesday, Feb. 26, 6-8 p.m.: Sacramento County Office of Education](#)
- [Saturday, March 1, 1-3 p.m.: Los Angeles—JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE](#)
- [Tuesday, March 4, 6-8 p.m.: Yreka—Siskiyou County Office of Education](#)
- [Tuesday, March 4, 6-8 p.m.: Fresno County Office of Education](#)
- [Thursday, March 6, 6-8 p.m.: Burlingame—Hilton San Francisco Airport Bayfront](#)
- [Tuesday, March 11, 6-8 p.m.: Costa Mesa—Orange County Department of Education](#)
- [Wednesday, March 12, 6-8 p.m.: San Diego County Office of Education](#)
- [Thursday, March 13, 6-8 p.m.: Imperial County, Westmorland Union Elementary School](#)
- [Friday, March 14, 6-8 p.m.: Camarillo—Ventura County Office of Education](#)

Registration is complimentary for CSBA members; use the links provided or see [CSBA's events page](#).

- *NEW* in CSBA's [LCFF toolkit!](#)

**"The Power of Parents"**: This 15-page "how-to" guide from EdSource and New American Media offers a review of the research and best practices in parent involvement. View and download under the Tools & Resources tab in the LCFF Toolkit's Consult section.

## CSBA joins congressional appeal for increased IDEA funding

*President Lucey praises 'collective call' for more special education money*

In a welcome show of bipartisan support for better services to the nation's 6.5 million disabled students, 140 members of Congress from both sides of the aisle sent [a letter](#) to President Obama Tuesday urging him to include increased funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in his proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. U.S. Rep. Jared Huffman, D- San Rafael, convinced 24 of California's 53 members of Congress to sign the letter and collected signatures from more than 100 representatives from other states. "California school board members are pleased to see so many members of Congress voicing a renewed commitment to funding IDEA and providing the 680,000 special education students in California with the resources promised long ago," said CSBA President Josephine "Jo" Lucey, in [this press release](#). "It is our sincere hope that the President and his administration will embrace this collective call for more funding for IDEA and the reauthorization of this landmark Act."

## Events, Training and Opportunities

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## Webinar next week will help demystify Form 700

*Registration open for webinar on reporting gifts offered next Monday, Feb. 24*

The clock is ticking! April 1 is the deadline to submit your Fair Political Practices Commission Form 700. Do you know how to complete it correctly? [Register now](#) for a free hourlong webinar on the topic at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24, when CSBA General Counsel Keith J. Bray will moderate a panel discussion featuring attorneys Cathie Fields, of the law firm of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya Rudd and Romo; Janet Mueller, of Dannis Woliver Kelley; and Diane Fishburn, of Olson Hagel & Fishburn. The panel will guide listeners through the complexities of completing Form 700 and its five schedules (A-E), offering answers to commonplace questions about the form, identifying and clarifying common issues and concerns, and clearing up any confusion about completing Form 700.

- [Registration is also open](#) for the second installment of CSBA's [Education Insights: Legal Update](#) webcast series at 10 a.m. Friday, March 7, that will focus on preparing school governance teams to craft the Local Control and Accountability Plans required under the Local Control Funding Formula.

### **CAAASA Professional Development Summit coming to Sacramento March 12-14**

*'Strategies to address education, equity, and excellence'*

The California Association of African-American Superintendents and Administrators' [2014 California Professional Development Summit](#) is coming to the Sacramento Sheraton Grand Hotel March 12-14. Co-sponsored by CSBA and other organizations, the three-day event includes plenary sessions on "Education Is the Solution to Achieving Civil Rights," focusing on the crucial school integration cases of *Brown v. Board of Education* and *Mendez v. Westminster*; "California's Department of Education and State School Board Response to Education, Equity and Excellence for African American, Latino and Other Underserved Students," concerning the Local Control Funding Formula; "Bridging the Digital Divide—Leave No Child Offline"; and "Parental Engagement." Other offerings include a Legislative Town Hall meeting hosted by Assembly Member Shirley Weber, Ed.D., that will tie arts education to college readiness, student discipline and retention, and education equity/excellence. Conference registration is \$475; special conference hotel rates are available. [Register here](#).

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