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Upcoming Events

Legal Update Webcast: Adequacy
[May 27 - online](#)

Budget Perspectives Workshop:
May 2015-16 Revision
[May - Northern California](#)
[May - Central California](#)
[May - Southern California](#)

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Governor's May revision gives K-12 and community colleges financial boost *83B total funding helps schools recover from Great Recession*



Funding for K-12 and community colleges will get an increase with the Governor's May budget revision. Changes to the January budget proposal include: \$6.1B increase in Proposition 98 revenues over January budget for a total increase of \$13.9B, which brings

total funding to 83B for K-12; LCFF funded at 53.1B which closes the target funding gap by 53 percent and funds the program at 90 percent of total goals; \$3.5B in one-time funding on a per-ADA basis; and COLA down from 1.58 percent to 1.02 percent. "We are pleased with California's economic recovery and that it is generating more money for education. It's important to note that education needs sustained investment, especially as schools are recovering from the recession and now have additional expectations and costs," said CSBA President Jesús Holguín. For additional information, look out for the California School News May newsletter, watch CSBA's [This Just In May Budget Revise video](#), read [CSBA's press release](#) or visit [CSBA online](#).

Delegate Assembly meeting focuses on 2015 issues

Over 200 delegates convene to discuss next steps in adequacy, governance and more



CSBA's Delegate Assembly met this past weekend, May 16-17, at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Sacramento. Highlights included Saturday morning regional caucus meetings, followed by new delegate orientation, President Jesús

Holguín's report and [CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy's report](#). While there were many issues to discuss during the two days, repealing the reserve cap and funding adequacy was at the center of many discussions. Holguín said of working toward adequacy, "CSBA is and will continue advocating for adequate funding for education ... we are looking at defining what is the adequate level of funding for education in California, so that we can work in a collaborative manner to achieve that level." The Education Legal Alliance also gave updates on legal cases, along with an Adequacy Committee Report followed by breakout sessions. Breakout sessions allowed delegates to discuss and brainstorm in small groups the kind of future schools they could create if they weren't limited by funding, and how school members could make these future schools a reality. Featured speakers at Delegate Assembly included Robert Manwaring, [presenting on adequacy](#), and Hedy Chang discussing [reducing chronic absences](#). To view all of Delegate Assembly Meeting presentations, visit [CSBA online](#).

Complete CSBA's iCount member survey by Mon., June 15

Deadline extended to ensure survey results reflect full CSBA membership

The deadline to complete CSBA's iCount member survey has been extended to Monday, June 15. The extension has been offered to ensure that all CSBA members have the opportunity to complete the survey, and that the results accurately reflect the voice of governing board members and superintendents throughout California. All CSBA members received an email on April 27 containing a link to one of two corresponding surveys — one for governing board members and one for superintendents. The survey marks the second phase of CSBA's comprehensive iCount data-gathering campaign, and it represents a key element of CSBA's long-term planning efforts. By completing the survey, you have an opportunity to exercise your voice in the association by offering valuable feedback about CSBA services and critical statewide education issues. More than 2,000 board members completed the iCount census, and it is crucial that this participation level be matched when the survey concludes. Neither survey should take more than 15 minutes to complete. If you are unable to access the survey via email, please contact [David DeLuz](#) at CSBA for assistance, 916-669-3306.

Ed-Data updated with new data, enhanced functionality

Website provides timely, comprehensive data on K-12 education in Calif.

Ed-Data is a free website that provides educators, policy makers, legislators, parents and the public with timely and comprehensive data about K-12 education in California. Launched in 1996, the [website](#) was [recently overhauled](#) to include new data and improved functionality. New data include five-year trend charts on student demographics at the school, district, county and state levels as well as on student performance and on student enrollment-ADA comparisons. Also available are unduplicated counts of English learners, foster youth and students who are eligible for a free or reduced-price meal; 2013-14 financial data; and general information about schools and districts. Functionality was updated to provide enhanced search; ability to download data in Excel; ability to print, copy and share presentations on social media; and more. Other updates, including demographic and salary data on teachers, are scheduled for future release. Ed-Data is a partnership of EdSource, the CDE and Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team, who work together to ensure that the data are accurate and presented in a way that promotes thoughtful discussion about how data relate to student achievement.

Events, Training and Opportunities



CSBA webcast to cover funding adequacy *Register for May 27 Legal Update webcast*

With adequate funding, schools can fully fund critical programs, services and staff, and help ensure all students have access to a high-quality education. Grab your lunch and join a one-hour webcast on funding adequacy. Moderated by CSBA General Counsel Keith Bray, this discussion features legal experts from three CSBA premier Business Affiliate firms. They'll discuss the *Robles-Wong v. California* lawsuit, Proposition 98, nationwide comparisons of funding and staffing, ongoing equity and funding issues related to the LCFF, and the *Cruz v. State of California* lawsuit. [Register](#) for the webcast, which airs on Wednesday, May 27, from noon to 1 p.m.

Active Schools/Active Minds Initiative promotes daily physical activity

Join the initiative to receive guidance, online assessment, action plan and more

When children are active, research shows, they become better learners and lead healthier lives. This is why CSBA, the CDE, the California PTA and other organizations support the [Active Schools/Active Minds Initiative](#). The Initiative is a part of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program, which is funded by The California Endowment. Schools participating in the Initiative will work to ensure students have 60 minutes of physical activity per day, including before, during and after school. The Alliance will help schools achieve this goal by providing guidance and technical assistance, including an online assessment and action plan; access to

physical activity experts; and model policies, practices and programs. Nearly 2,000 schools in California are currently receiving guidance, tools and support through the program. Your school can [join the Healthy Schools Program](#), too! The Initiative will share school successes with district superintendents, statewide and national policymakers and stakeholders to help these leaders better understand how increased daily physical activity affects students and schools.

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Qualified Zone Academy Bond program for schools *Interest-free financing available for qualifying projects*

CSBA offers the only 100-percent turnkey Qualified Zone Academy Bond program in California. QZAB program bonds allow schools to borrow funds for school rehabilitation and renovation projects and receive a return on investment as a credit against federal tax liability. With help from the nation's leading QZAB firm, McLiney And Company, CSBA provides everything schools need during the application process, including full assistance in handling all federal and state requirements. If your bond is funded, you may qualify for a zero-percent interest rate, and there is no cost to you unless your QZAB is approved and funded. QZAB is a temporary program, requiring reauthorization by the federal government. The federal government has renewed the program for 2014-15, but California will only receive approximately \$49 million this year (compared to the \$200 million made available in 2013-14). It is expected to go fast, so don't wait long to apply! For more information, [visit us online](#) or contact Alest Walker at 800-266-3382, ext. 2603.

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