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Upcoming Events

Board Self-eval/Superintendent Evaluation

[April 8 - San Jose](#)
[April 11 - Sacramento](#)
[April 29 - Rancho Cucamonga](#)

CSBA Training for Executive Assistants

[April 8 - San Jose](#)
[April 11 - Sacramento](#)
[April 29 - Rancho Cucamonga](#)

2014 Delegate Assembly May Meeting

[May 17 - Sacramento](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

[Sept. 19 - San Jose](#)

MIG Course 3: School Finance

[Sept. 19 - San Jose](#)

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Lucey rebuts criticism of school boards

San Francisco Chronicle op-ed included in April CSBA newsletter

CSBA President Josephine “Jo” Lucey “set the record straight about the role and impact of school boards” in a San Francisco Chronicle op-ed last week, rebutting comments last month by Netflix CEO Reed Hastings. “We hope that he understands that elected school boards are committed to advocating for and providing a high quality education for all of our students and that we should be working together, not against one another, to achieve success,” **Lucey wrote**. The commentary is reproduced in the April *California School News*, which also has articles about CSBA members’ state and federal advocacy efforts, association news and more; the online versions are [posted here](#), and the print issue is on its way to members’ mailboxes.

Leaders wanted to help guide CSBA’s future

VP and president-elect nominations deadline June 2

CSBA is seeking officers with the commitment and ability to lead a statewide association. Help define CSBA’s statewide public education agenda and guide our future in this very important leadership opportunity. If you would like to become vice president or president-elect on the CSBA Executive Committee, or if you know a potential candidate who may be a good fit for either role, consider submitting a nomination today. Nomination forms must be received by CSBA no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, June 2. [Visit our website](#) for more information about Executive Committee nominations.

State-level Board Member Action Day coming May 9

Be heard! Speak to state lawmakers on behalf of public education

Do you want a say on [the 2014-15 state budget](#)? Do you support Senate Bill 843, the CSBA-sponsored bill to [protect California’s students from teacher misconduct](#) by reforming the teacher dismissal process? If so, then make plans to participate in CSBA’s state-level Board Member Action Day! A pre-event webinar Thursday,



May 1, will equip participants with the background information they'll need. Then, on Friday, May 9, we'll have appointments arranged so school governance team members can visit legislators' local district offices. We'll coordinate the grassroots lobbying effort, but we need your help to make it a success. Watch for details soon in the Weekly Update and at www.csba.org.

Districts, COEs may be eligible for funds from litigation settlement

State Attorney General's Office has details

California K-12 school districts and county offices of education that purchased computers, printers, or other electronic devices with Dynamic Random Access Memory from someone other than the manufacturer between 1998 and 2002 are eligible to make a claim before Aug. 1, 2014, and could receive money from a litigation settlement. The [California Attorney General's Office website](#) has details, or [click here](#) for more information.

Physical education: A slow start to a promising educational boost

Physical activity is clearly associated with improved cognitive development and academic performance; students who attend schools that comply with California requirements to provide physical education are more likely to be physically fit. Unfortunately, many schools fall short of the PE time required—but this new [CSBA Fact Sheet](#) offers guidance on how to approach PE from a governance perspective.

Events, Training and Opportunities

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AEC 2014 presentation proposals due Friday *Submit your ideas by April 4*

[CSBA's Annual Education Conference and Trade Show](#)—coming to San Francisco Sunday, Dec. 14, through Tuesday, Dec. 16—is the place to showcase your district's innovative and successful programs and ideas. This year's strands, or areas of focus, are: opportunity and achievement; student learning; funding, finance and facilities; leadership through governance; and partnerships and collaborations. We're looking for CSBA members who can share their success stories in those areas during AEC presentations. Look for the AEC logo on CSBA's website or go straight to aec.csba.org/Presenters to learn how you can submit your conference presentation proposal. The deadline is Friday, April 4.

The search for successful, impactful programs is on! *Enter to win a Golden Bell Award by June 30*

Does your district or county sustain a program that is making a positive impact on student success? We're scouring the state for innovative and exemplary programs to honor with a prestigious CSBA

Golden Bell Award. Submissions are being accepted in 19 program categories through Monday, June 30. To find out more about the program categories, criteria, specifications, to submit an entry form, or see last year's winning programs, visit the [Golden Bell Awards website](#). For questions about the Golden Bell Awards, contact Lisa Hutson at 800-266-3382 ext. 3358 or goldenbell@csba.org.

State seeks reviewers for ELA/ELD instructional materials

The State Board of Education and state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson are accepting applications through Aug. 1 for the 2015 English Arts/English Language Development Primary Adoption of Instructional Materials Review Panel. Panel members will evaluate instructional materials for use in kindergarten and grades K–8 that are aligned with the California Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects and the California English Language Development Standards. The application form and more information are [available here](#). Any governance team members who apply are asked to [notify CSBA](#).

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Smart Assessment helps you save *Maximize Prop 39 energy efficiency funds*

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