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Upcoming Events

**CSBA Annual Education
Conference and Trade Show**
[Dec. 14-16 - San Francisco](#)

Board Presidents Workshop
[Dec. 13 - San Francisco](#)
[Jan. 24 - Sacramento](#)
[Mar. 14 - San Diego](#)

**Institute for New and First-Term
Board Members**
[Jan. 23-24 - Sacramento](#)
[Jan. 30-31 - Anaheim](#)
[Feb. 6-7 - Burlingame](#)
[Mar. 6-7 - Fresno](#)
[Mar. 13-14 - San Diego](#)
[April 17-18 - Redding](#)

The Brown Act
[Jan. 23 - Sacramento](#)
[Jan. 30 - Anaheim](#)
[Feb. 6 - Burlingame](#)
[Mar. 6 - Fresno](#)
[Mar. 13 - San Diego](#)

**MIG Course 1: Foundations of
Effective Governance/Setting
Direction**
[Feb. 6 - Burlingame](#)
[Feb. 21 - Rancho Cucamonga](#)
[Mar. 13 - San Diego](#)

**MIG Course 2: Student
Learning/Policy**
[Feb. 7 - Burlingame](#)
[March 14 - San Diego](#)
[March 21 - San Bernardino](#)

MIG Course 3: School Finance
[Feb. 6 - Burlingame](#)

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LAO releases Fiscal Outlook *Near future looks good for K-12 schools*

The California Legislative Analyst's Office on Nov. 19 released [The 2015-16 Budget: California's Fiscal Outlook](#), which marks the official start of the Legislature's state budget season. This 20th edition of the LAO's report reviews possible state revenue and spending trends for the next five years – from the close of the 2013-14 fiscal year through the end of 2019-20. The report factors in anticipated growth of budget reserves under Proposition 2, which voters approved at the polls earlier this month. Highlights of the report include: 1) the 2013-14 guarantee is about \$177 million higher than budgeted, 2) the 2014-15 (current year) guarantee is projected to be about \$2.3 billion higher than expected, 3) the 2015-16 (budget year) guarantee is projected to be about \$2.6 billion higher than the adjusted guarantee for 2014-15, and 4) the difference between where the Proposition 98 guarantee is currently budgeted and where it is projected to be in 2015-16 is about \$6.4 billion, which equals \$6.4 billion in new ongoing support for the Proposition 98 guarantee, covering both K-12 schools and community colleges. For budget year 2015-16, decisions will include how much of the \$6.4 billion will be spent on one-time versus ongoing purposes, and the possible increase in funding for the LCFF, with the analyst even observing that if the report's assumptions hold true, LCFF will be funded at 91 percent of full implementation by 2019-20. [Read CSBA's full summary](#) of the LAO's report.

Open enrollment begins for Covered California *Schools can help more students, families get health coverage*

School leaders and staff are uniquely positioned to help ensure that more children and their families get – and keep – health coverage through Covered California. The [All In for Health](#) campaign, a project of The Children's Partnership, has released a [fall toolkit](#) containing resources that schools can use to inform families about their coverage options, including Medi-Cal, and connect them with a health plan. Actions schools can take include distributing fliers, sending newsletters and email blasts, sharing information at health fairs, sporting events and on social media, or hosting enrollment nights.

March 13 - San Diego

April 18 - Rancho Cucamonga

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining

Feb. 7 - Burlingame

March 14 - San Diego

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Gov. Integration

Feb. 7 - Burlingame

March 14 - San Diego

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CSBA recognizes that healthy students make good learners and is one of several anchor partners of the All-In campaign. Visit the [Health Insurance](#) page on CSBA's website for materials, including fact sheets, bookmarks and [fliers](#) in both English and Spanish. Open enrollment runs for three months and ends on Feb. 15, 2015.

OCR provides guidance on bullying of students with disabilities

Parent fact sheet, letter to educators outline schools' requirements under federal law

October was national bullying prevention awareness month. In observation, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights [issued guidance](#) for America's schools, reminding them that bullying cannot be tolerated, especially against the 6.5 million students with disabilities in the U.S. The guidance issued describes in detail public schools' responsibilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Title II of Americans with Disabilities Act. Federal law requires schools to take immediate and appropriate steps to investigate bullying, and to stop and prevent bullying from recurring. Since 2009, the OCR has received more than 2,000 complaints concerning the bullying of K-12 students with disabilities in the U.S. A [parent fact sheet](#) outlines what schools are required to do when a student with a disability is being bullied, and where parents can go for help. The complete federal guidance for educators can be found in this [letter to educators](#). Additional bullying resources can be found on the Bullying page of [CSBA's website](#). Also, CSBA revised earlier this month its sample board policy on bullying (BP 5131.2) to reflect current law, regulatory guidance and best practices, as well as provide school leaders with a clear and consistent procedure for addressing student complaints. [Read more](#) about the policy revision in the November edition of California School News.

**Events,
Training and
Opportunities**

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AEC less than three weeks away

Register online or on site

Regular registration for CSBA's 2014 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show has closed, but it's not too late to secure your spot at California's most comprehensive conference created with the K-12 public education governance perspective in mind. [Late registration](#) is available now through the last day of conference, Dec. 16. If you miss registering online, you can register on site at the Moscone Center in San Francisco. This year's lineup of General Session speakers, workshops and critical issues is designed to inform your work in 2015 and beyond. CSBA looks forward to seeing you in San Francisco!

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