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Upcoming Events

Agenda Online Demonstration

June 12 - Online
 June 13 - Online
 June 18 - Online
 June 20 - Online
 June 24 - Online
 June 26 - Online
 June 27 - Online

CCBE Fall Conference

Sept. 12-14 - Monterey

Back to School Webcast

Sept. 18 - Online

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Sept. 19 - San Jose
 Sept. 26 - San Diego

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CSBA issues statement on Vergara v. California decision

Judge says state's teacher tenure laws are unconstitutional

On June 10, Judge Rolf M. Treu of the Los Angeles County Superior Court issued a tentative decision in the Vergara v. California case finding in favor of the Plaintiffs, nine public school children from different cities and towns across the state. ([Read the judge's full decision.](#)) CSBA President Josephine Lucey said the decision is "a call for all stakeholders to work together to ensure that all of California's 6 million school children have an equal opportunity to a quality education. We should not and cannot afford to wait for the appellate courts to address these critical issues. Regardless of the legal outcome, the education community should immediately begin working with the Governor and the California Legislature to resolve these important issues of inequality in education." See [Lucey's full statement here](#).

AB 215 update: In coverage of the Vergara decision, references were made to pending legislation that would expedite and streamline the process for terminating teachers who commit egregious acts against students, while maintaining due process for teachers. Assembly Bill 215 (Buchanan) was passed off the Senate Floor on Monday by a vote of 33-0. The bill is headed back to the Assembly for concurrence in Senate amendments. CSBA currently has a position of "support if amended" on the bill. You can access the current version of AB 215 on [CSBA's Advocacy page](#).

Budget Update: Call to Action

Voice support for CSBA budget priorities this week

Late breaking news: CSBA has learned that a trailer bill proposal is being considered by the Legislature that would impose new restrictions on local reserves above the minimum required for economic uncertainties. This is a troubling proposal that contradicts local control and prudent budgeting. The Constitutional deadline for the Legislature to pass a budget bill is June 15 by midnight. CSBA continues to believe that the deadline will be met. The Legislature and Brown administration will need to resolve the overarching issue of

revenue projections in order to put the pieces together for a budget bill and funding allocation. In the most recent state cash flow report from the State Controller's Office, revenues for May are lower than the governor projected. CSBA continues to advocate that the Legislature reject the governor's proposal to eliminate all deferrals in the budget year, thus freeing up funds in the budget year for key education needs. CSBA urges board members to voice their support for the following education funding priorities:

- [An augmentation to help mitigate the increased CalSTRS contribution](#)
- [Home to School funding](#)
- [Mandate payments](#)
- [Common Core State Standards funding](#)

CSBA Governmental Affairs will provide additional information and alerts to our members throughout the week. Contact information for Assembly Member and state Senators can be found [at this website](#).

State Board to consider LCFF permanent regulations in July

CSBA members urged to express support for current regs, template

The final regulations on Local Control Funding Formula expenditure and the Local Control and Accountability Plan template are expected to go to the State Board of Education at its July 9-10 meeting. CSBA has consistently advocated that the regulations strike the right balance between transparency, accountability and subsidiarity. The [association has urged the SBE](#) to maintain these regulations and hold off on changes so that school districts, county offices of education and their communities can gain experience. There are other voices that continue to seek additional requirements in the regulations and Sacramento insiders expect a large crowd to address the state Board in July. CSBA will be providing members with additional information and materials and we encourage governing teams to express to [SBE members](#) their support for maintaining the regulations and template without changes. Submit comments by email to sbe@cde.ca.gov, or by fax to 916-319-0175. Check also the [LCFF Web page](#) for updated information.

LCFF counts of low-income students simplified in Provision 2 schools

Effort by CSBA and coalition impacts budget language adopted by Legislature

California school districts serving students from low-income families receive extra funds to meet their needs under the Local Control Funding Formula. It was a challenge to verify individual data on eligible students each district serves in this first year of LCFF, which is critical to determining how much funding districts will receive. High poverty schools that participate in the federal school lunch program known as Provision 2 faced increased challenges because they don't collect information annually. Provision 2 requires schools to verify income eligibility just once every four years. [This update from EdSource](#) describes how a number of districts met the challenge. CSBA worked with a coalition of education and nutrition advocates and member districts to raise this issue with the governor and members of the Legislature, including the Legislative Black Caucus and the Latino Legislative Caucus. The governor provided a revised

proposal in May and each house of the Legislature has adopted it in their budget proposals. In a [June 3 letter](#) to the Budget Conference Committee, CSBA expressed support for the new method, and asked the Legislature and Brown administration to provide a one-year hold-harmless for 2013-14.

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Time to revisit charter school law, President Lucey says in Vantage Point

See the [June issue of California School News](#), now available online, for a recap of this May's Delegate Assembly meeting in Sacramento, including the salient points from President Josephine Lucey's report concerning charter schools: "It is time for educational and political leaders to revisit charter school legislation," she writes in this month's [Vantage Point](#). We have charter schools "because the public and many politicians believe, wrongly, that charters are the magic bullet to academic excellence ... but the data does not support this perception." You'll also learn of concerns about LCFF implementation from Public Advocates, Children Now and Pivot Learning Partners expressed during a Delegate Assembly panel discussion, and this issue includes an analysis of the raise in CalSTRS contributions announced in the governor's May Revision budget. Also, the names of the 2014 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show General Session speakers were announced; [save \\$100 and secure preferred housing by registering now](#).

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Research, discussion of Common Core implementation in free June 27 conference

Live Sacramento event simulcast on the Web

State and local education leaders are now fully engaged in the process of implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), which were adopted in August 2010. To review what has been learned and what challenges still lie ahead, Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE) has organized a conference to review the current state of CCSS implementation in California. The conference will focus on two main questions: How are local educators managing the challenge of implementing the standards at the same time as the Local Control Funding Formula and development of their Local Control and

Accountability Plan? And is CCSS implementation on track to deliver the kinds of improved instruction and deeper learning that were promised when the new standards were adopted? The program will also feature preliminary research findings from PACE, the California Collaborative for District Reform, the Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy, Education Trust-West, and others. The complimentary conference will be held in Sacramento from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, June 27, at the Department of General Services auditorium, 1500 Capitol Ave. Lunch will be provided, so please [register to reserve your place](#). The event will be webcast live for those who cannot attend in person.

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GASB 45 for districts with fewer than 100 plan members

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