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Upcoming Events

Agenda Online Demonstration

July 24 - Online
 July 29 - Online
 July 30 - Online
 Aug. 1 - Online
 Aug. 6 - Online
 Aug. 8 - Online

Agenda Online Regional Demonstration

July 29 - San Jose

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

MIG Course 2: Student Learning/Policy

Sept. 20 - San Jose
 Sept. 27 - San Diego

MIG Course 3: School Finance

Sept. 19 - San Jose
 Sept. 27 - San Diego

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining

Sept. 20 - San Jose
 Sept. 26 - San Diego

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

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Comment period open on proposed changes to LCFF regulations and LCAP template

The SBE will accept written comments through July 28

On July 10 the State Board of Education voted unanimously to move ahead on the Local Control Funding Formula permanent spending regulations and the Local Control and Accountability Plan template after hearing testimony from school board members, CSBA and ASCA representatives, advocates, students, parents, and others. The proposed changes are now in a 15-day comment period, which ends on July 28. You may [use this sample memo](#) to submit written comments to the SBE by fax at (916) 319-0155; [email](#); or by mail (see [CDE notice](#) for physical address). Following the comment period and a public meeting on July 22, the SBE will make any changes to the regulations and LCAP template and place them on its September 3-4 agenda. Please continue to watch for updates on CSBA's dedicated [LCFF Web page](#) under "State Board of Education." [Read the full story](#) about the SBE meeting on CSBA's website, and watch the video, [Californians seek transparency in local school funding](#), produced by California Forward, for footage of meeting testimony and on-site comments by Josephine Lucey, parents, advocacy groups and students on the need for transparency, equity and flexibility.

CSBA continues to press for reserve cap repeal

Boards urged to adopt resolutions, meet with legislators by mid-August

CSBA, [ACSA](#), [CASBO](#) and other public education management representatives continue advocacy efforts to repeal on local reserves. CSBA calls upon governing boards to adopt resolutions and meet with their legislators urging repeal of the trailer bill language that could eventually lead to school districts being required to spend their reserves and ending balances to dangerously low levels. CSBA has prepared [talking points](#), a [sample press release](#), and a [sample resolution](#) for immediate adoption. Boards are also encouraged to schedule meetings with local legislators by the middle of August. Please send a copy of your resolution and any response from legislators to [Andrea Ball](#).

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

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Seven California districts to support Obama's My Brother's Keeper Initiative

President Obama announced on Monday that 60 of the largest school districts will join his My Brother's Keeper initiative to improve the educational futures of young African-American and Latino boys. Collectively, the districts educate one-third or more of the nation's African-American and Latino students and nearly 40 percent of low-income boys of color. Seven California districts will participate, including Los Angeles, Long Beach, Fresno, San Francisco, Sacramento, San Diego and Oakland. **The Council of the Great City Schools**, the primary coalition of the nation's urban schools, announced that each district will carry out 11 actions, including: improving preschool efforts to better serve African-American and Latino boys; implementing policies that increase the number of boys from these groups who graduate from high school and complete the federal form for college aid; keeping data and monitoring the progress of these boys and intervening at the earliest warning signs of problems; and reducing the proportion of African-American and Latino boys who are absent, suspended or expelled. **CSBA voiced support** for the My Brother's Keeper Initiative in February.

Events, Training and Opportunities

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AEC 2014 early registration ends on August 4 *Sign up early to save \$100 off the late registration rate*

Register early for CSBA's Annual Education Conference and Trade Show to lock in the early conference registration rate of \$455—that's \$100 off the late registration rate! Everything you need to prepare for online registration can be found on the **AEC website**, such as how to **update your district roster** or **register a pending board member** or superintendent. You can also use the **early registration worksheet** to calculate your fees—and savings—for registering early. Within 24 hours after registering for AEC, you will receive an email inviting you to join the Engage AEC online community. With Engage you can network, view other attendees' profiles and join discussions. As the conference nears, Engage AEC will allow you to build your conference schedule and connect with workshop presenters and trade show exhibitors. Also, read about this year's **General Session speakers**—STEM leader Dr. Freeman Hrabowski and author and investigative journalist Amanda Ripley. See you online!

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