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## Upcoming Events

### Agenda Online Demonstration

Aug. 12 - Online  
 Aug. 14 - Online  
 Aug. 20 - Online  
 Aug. 22 - Online  
 Aug. 26 - Online  
 Aug. 28 - Online  
 Aug. 29 - 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

### 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

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

## News

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### CSBA joins press conference calling for Governor's support of public education facilities bond

**Gov. Brown seen as biggest hurdle to bond's placement on November ballot**

CSBA joined a broad statewide coalition at a press conference at the Capitol on Monday, Aug. 4, to urge the Legislature to pass, and Gov. Jerry Brown to sign, Assembly Bill 2235 (Buchanan, D-Alamo), which would put a kindergarten-university public education facilities bond before the voters for approval this November. Funds from the last school facilities bond, passed by voters in 2006, have been depleted. A new state bond is needed not only to ensure that the state "live up to its part of the bargain," said Assembly Member Joan Buchanan, speaking of the School Facility Program—the funding partnership between the state, local school districts and developers—but to keep pace with a recovering economy and an estimated \$16 billion in needed statewide school facilities construction and modernization. AB 2235 has won the rare unanimous support of both Democrat and Republican legislators, along with public advocates and members from across the education community. Securing Gov. Brown's signature, however, may be a challenge given his criticism of the facility program in his January budget summary and his commitment to reducing the state's debt. "All we ask," said CSBA President-Elect Jesus Holguin, "is that the bill be placed before the voters to give them an opportunity to decide." The bill's supporters say they can still place the bond measure on the November ballot if the Legislature and Governor act by Aug. 15. The current legislative session ends on Aug. 31. CSBA is asking board members and superintendents to [contact their legislators](#) to urge them to pass [AB 2235](#) in support of safe, secure and well-equipped learning environments for all students. In addition, calls need to be made to the Governor at (916) 445-2841, urging him to support and sign AB 2235 when it reaches his desk.

### Organizations continue focused efforts to repeal cap on local reserve levels

CSBA, ACSA, CASBO and a number of other organizations continue to advocate for repeal of the cap on local reserve levels with Legislators, who returned this week for the closing month of the

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legislative session. Major newspapers across the state are maintaining coverage of the issue. The [San Jose Mercury News](#) called on lawmakers to rescind the cap on local district reserve levels in an [editorial](#) in support of Proposition 44, the state's rainy day/budget stabilization fund that will appear on the November ballot. And the Riverside Press Enterprise ran an [opinion piece by CSBA President Josephine Lucey](#), calling for a repeal of the cap. The California Association of School Business Officials recently adopted an [oppose position on Proposition 44](#), based in large part on concern that "passage of Proposition 44 would result in a statutory limit on reserve levels that school districts can maintain in some future years." Local governing teams can also take action on repeal of the cap on reserve levels: pass a resolution urging repeal; meet with your state legislators; issue a press release about your actions. See the [sample materials](#) prepared by CSBA.

### **Deadline nears to request fiscal year funding for energy efficiency projects**

***EEP submissions for fiscal year 2013-14 accepted through Aug. 31***

Under the California Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39), school districts and county offices of education can request funding for eligible projects to improve energy efficiency and expand clean energy in schools. Districts and COEs have through Aug. 31, 2014 to submit their fiscal year 2013-14 Energy Expenditure Plan (EEP). EEPs received on or after Sept. 1 will be considered submitted in fiscal year 2014-15 and should be designated as such on [Form A](#). The Energy Commission will revise EEPs submitted on or after Sept. 1 with an inaccurately dated Form A. Districts and COEs may submit one EEP per fiscal year. Unused Proposition 39 funding awards roll forward each fiscal year—districts and COEs that do not submit an EEP in fiscal year 2013-14 will not lose their entitlements. This extension does not impact multi-year EEP submissions. You can view Proposition 39 guidelines and download needed forms on the [Energy Commission's website](#).

### **The CDE releases new information on LCFF and unduplicated student count, CALPADS and school meals program**

The California Department of Education released updated information on the Local Control Funding Formula and the unduplicated student count and changes in the data collection and reporting requirements for schools that participate in the Provision 2 and 3 and Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the National School Lunch Program. The information can be found in a [July 15 letter to County and District Superintendents](#) and in the [LCFF Frequently Asked Questions](#). CSBA and other organizations worked with the Legislature and Brown Administration to address the inconsistency between the LCFF annual reporting requirements and the base year reporting of the Provision 2 and 3 and CEP school meals programs.

### **'All In' health coverage goes back to school**

***Download English- and Spanish-language fliers on CSBA's website***

[In collaboration with CSBA](#) and other organizations, The Children's Partnership has released back-to-school 2014 materials as part of its [All In campaign](#) to make families aware of low-cost health coverage

options in California and ensure that more kids get covered with a health insurance plan. Although enrollment in the federal Affordable Care Act through Covered California ended on March 31, families may still be eligible for a Covered California health insurance plan if they experience a qualifying life event. In addition, California residents who qualify may enroll in Medi-Cal year-round. The materials include colorful English- and Spanish-language fliers and bookmarks, which list important steps and dates to ensure more families get—and stay—covered and refer readers to other key resources. The fliers and bookmarks can be posted and distributed at schools—to staff, teachers and students. Visit CSBA's website to [download the materials](#).

### **New Health and Human Services' toolkit provides resources for supporting nursing mothers** *CSBA encourages boards to adopt policy on lactation accommodation*

During National Breastfeeding Month in August, school districts and county offices of education may want to review their policies and practices to determine whether they are providing a breastfeeding-friendly workplace. Not only does breastfeeding have immediate and long-term health benefits for children and mothers, but employers have an obligation under state and federal law to provide staff with reasonable break time and an appropriate location, other than a restroom, to express milk for their infant children. A new toolkit from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health offers resources that specifically address support for nursing mothers in schools. [The toolkit](#) includes recommendations and case studies for creative space and time solutions in K-12 and postsecondary schools and child care centers. In addition, governing boards that have not yet adopted a policy on workplace lactation are encouraged to review [CSBA's sample board policy BP 4033: Lactation Accommodation](#). The policy clarifies the interaction between state and federal requirements and prohibits discrimination, harassment and retaliation against any employee who chooses to exercise her rights under these laws.

## **Events, Training and Opportunities**

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### **Call for CSBA Director-at-Large Nominations**

Nominations for CSBA Director-at-Large, Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic are currently being accepted through Friday, Oct. 3, 2014. Elections will take place at the Delegate Assembly meeting in San Francisco on Dec. 13-14, just prior to the Annual Education Conference and Trade Show. Please note that 2014 nomination forms and information about the elections will not be mailed. For information about the election process and to download nomination forms, please [visit CSBA's website](#).

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