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weekly update



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## Upcoming Events

### Budget Perspectives Workshop: May 2015-16 Revision

[May - Northern California](#)  
[May - Central California](#)  
[May - Southern California](#)

**Agenda Online Training**  
[Webinar for Meeting Managers](#)  
[Webinar for Staff Submitters / Reviewers](#)  
[Webinar for Board Members](#)

**CCBE Fall Conference**  
 Sept. 11-13

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### California State Legislature completes versions of education budgets Differences now go to conference to be resolved

Both houses of the [California State Legislature](#) have completed their versions of education budgets. Issues where the Senate and Assembly differ go to conference and a final version will then go to Gov. Jerry Brown for his review. Both versions assume higher spending levels of about \$3 billion as suggested by the Legislative Analyst's Office. The Department of Finance was very clear that the Governor wants to fund conservatively, implying vetoes. They reiterated that they project a structural deficit again in 2018-19 due to phase out of Prop. 30 and implementation of the Affordable Care Act. [Click here](#) to view some of the differences.

### Delegate Assembly meeting focuses on 2015 issues Over 200 delegates convene to discuss next steps in adequacy, governance and more

CSBA's Delegate Assembly met May 16-17, at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Sacramento. Highlights included Saturday morning regional caucus meetings, followed by new delegate orientation, President Jesús Holguín's report and CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy's report. While there were many issues to discuss during the two days, many discussions centered on repealing the reserve cap and funding adequacy. Holguín said of working toward adequacy, "CSBA is and will continue advocating for adequate funding for education ... we are looking at defining what is the adequate level of funding for education in California, so that we can work in a collaborative manner to achieve that level." The Education Legal Alliance also gave updates on legal cases, along with an Adequacy Committee Report followed by breakout sessions. Breakout sessions allowed delegates to discuss and brainstorm in small groups the kind of future schools they could create if they weren't limited by funding, and how school members could make these future schools a reality. Featured speakers at Delegate Assembly included Robert Manwaring, presenting on adequacy, and Hedy Chang discussing reducing chronic absences. [Click here for Delegate Assembly Meeting presentations](#).

## **CSBA's iCount member survey by Mon., June 15**

### **Exercise your voice in the association**

The deadline to complete CSBA's iCount member survey has been extended to Monday, June 15. The extension has been offered to ensure that all CSBA members have the opportunity to complete the survey, and that the results accurately reflect the voice of governing board members and superintendents throughout California. All CSBA members received an email on April 27 containing a link to one of two corresponding surveys — one for governing board members and one for superintendents. The survey marks the second phase of CSBA's comprehensive iCount data-gathering campaign, and it represents a key element of CSBA's long-term planning efforts. By completing the survey, you have an opportunity to exercise your voice in the association by offering valuable feedback about CSBA services and critical statewide education issues. More than 2,000 board members completed the iCount census, and it is crucial that this participation level be matched when the survey concludes. Neither survey should take more than 15 minutes to complete. If you are unable to access the survey via email, please contact [David DeLuz](#) at CSBA for assistance, 916-669-3306.

## **Expansion of school breakfast program provides boost**

### **Economy expected to benefit, in addition to students**

Expanding California's school breakfast program by 10 percent would generate \$42.7 million in economic activity, feed more than 200,000 students and create 1,000 new jobs, the California Food Policy Advocates determined. In a study of economic impact of the federal [School Breakfast Program](#) in California, the report says a small net investment of \$2.1 million, or about 11 cents per meal, would generate more than \$40 million in federal funds. Meanwhile, AB 1240, under consideration in the state Legislature, would require an estimated 5,000 schools to adopt [Breakfast After the Bell](#) programs that incorporate breakfast into the school day. The bill aims to boost the number of low-income students that eat breakfast at school, which is half the number of students participating in school lunch programs.

## **Educators and students discuss barriers to success**

### **Event kicks-off campaign on student voices for change**

Nearly 100 students and adults from 17 grassroots organizations, education associations and unions met May 16 to discuss barriers preventing educational success. At the [Cal Justice Talks: United Voices for Change](#) event, students discussed obstacles to learning and thriving at school. Download the [infographic](#) of the challenges and solutions that the students identified. "It was inspiring to see youth step up and take ownership of their schools and think thoughtfully and collaboratively about how we can make possible the educational experience that they want and deserve," said Peter Wright, CSBA Policy & Programs Officer. Wright and other education leaders also shared their expertise. A related statewide "Student Voices" campaign is set to launch this fall.

## **Events, Training and Opportunities**



## **Webcast on collaborative relationship between the school board and superintendent**

### **Legal experts discussed keys to success**

A recent Education Insights: Legal Update Webcast centering on the distinct roles and responsibilities of the board and superintendent is now online. Moderated by CSBA General Counsel Keith Bray, the webcast panel discussed effective decision-making, setting meeting agendas, and responding to public concerns. Legal experts from three of CSBA's premier Business Affiliate firms also took part; Peter Fagen of Fagen Friedman & Fulfroft, Roman Munoz of Kronick, Moskowitz, Tiedemann & Girard, and Karen Rezendes of Lozano Smith. [View the webcast.](#)

## **Annual conference registration opens in two weeks**

### **Events include prominent speakers, workshops, networking opportunities**

On June 9, registration opens for CSBA's Annual Education Conference and Trade Show. The conference aims to help governance teams from districts and county offices of education improve student learning and achievement. AEC brings together educators from across California to share insights, and explore practical ways to raise student achievement levels. Innovative educational programs and activities also receive [Golden Bell Awards](#) for excellence. This year's conference takes place in San Diego Dec. 3-5. [Visit AEC 2015](#) to learn more.

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