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June 3, 2015

## Upcoming Events

**AEC 2015 Registration Opens**  
[June 9](#)

**Agenda Online Training**  
**June 10**

**Webinar for Meeting Managers**  
**Webinar for Staff**  
**Submitters/Reviewers**  
**Webinar for Board Members**

**CCBE Fall Conference**  
[Sept. 11-13](#)

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## News

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### **CSBA iCount member survey due by June 15** *Make your voice count as a CSBA member*

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 to ensure that the results accurately reflect the voice of governing board members and superintendents throughout California. All CSBA members received an email today, June 3, 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. Your survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. If you are unable to access the survey via email, please contact [Christopher Maricle](#) at CSBA for assistance, 916-669-3306.

### **CSBA blog post: PE key to academic success** *Former Olympian blogs about the importance of physical activity*

An estimated 40 percent of ninth-graders in California are considered overweight or obese, observes guest blogger Gary W. Hall, Jr. in a new CSBA blog post, "Physical Activity Key to Fitter, Smarter Kids." Hall, a competitive swimmer, Olympic medalist and member of Council for a Strong America's membership organization Champions for America's Future, discusses the role that physical education and activity play in both reducing the risk of obesity-related illness and in boosting academic achievement. Hall cites a study published in the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine that found students who are physically active earn higher grades and score better on achievement tests than their inactive peers. "Because children spend the majority of their waking hours at school, teachers and administrators play a vital role in the fight against obesity by giving students more opportunities for physical activity before, during and

after the school day,” Hall says. Twenty minutes of PE each school day are not only required in California, but they can be especially critical in poor and struggling communities, where green space and playgrounds are unsafe or in short supply. [Read the Gary W. Hall, Jr. blog post.](#)

### **Policy updates now released five times per year** ***CSBA will start new policy updates cycle in July***

In order to address legislative changes and other critical issues, CSBA's Policy Updates will be released five times per year beginning July 2015. Each year, CSBA will release policy updates in July, October, December, March, and May — instead of three times per year. Each release will continue to include a guide sheet and Policy News to provide further information about the policies, administrative regulations and updated board bylaws. The updates will also include policy-related resources such as policy briefs and fact sheets when available. For further information, visit [CSBA's policy services](#) or call (800) 266-3382

### **CSBA Legislative Awards Program now taking nominations**

***Nominate a federal/state elected or appointed officer today***

Attention CSBA School Board Members and Superintendents: CSBA is pleased to announce the opening of the annual Legislative Awards Program. For the past 29 years, CSBA has honored current members of the state Senate and Assembly who work actively to improve public schools, support local school board governance and exercise leadership in the legislative arena. CSBA encourages all boards to participate in this program by nominating a member of the California State Legislature, the California Congressional delegation, federal/state elective or appointed office for CSBA's 2015 Legislative Awards Program. Nominees must be from within district boundaries. Nominations must be postmarked or received by Sept. 11, 2015. [Click here](#) for more information, nomination forms or to submit an online nomination.

## **Events, Training and Opportunities**

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### **Register now for CCBE annual conference** ***Event focuses on issues unique to county boards***

Register now for the [CCBE annual conference](#)! This year, the CCBE's annual conference celebrates, “Moving Forward Together,” and will take place September 11-13, at the Portola Hotel and Spa in Monterey. The CCBE Annual Conference is a yearly professional development event that provides county board members learning opportunities specifically focused on unique issues and student populations that counties work with. The annual conference also provides opportunities to network with other county board members, share tips, best practices and new ideas to help county board members address the unique issues they face. As part of the governance team, county superintendents are welcome and encouraged to attend with their boards. Register before July 31 for the early bird registration fee, \$295. Regular registration, Aug. 1-6 is \$345, while late/onsite registration is \$400. [Register for the](#)

[CCBE conference](#). Contact [Charlyn Tuter](#) for further details at 916-669-3281.

**Showcase educational excellence in California**  
***CSBA now accepting applications for Golden Bell Awards program***

CSBA will accept applications through June 26 for the [2015 Golden Bell Awards](#) program promoting excellence in education and school board governance by honoring outstanding programs in districts and county offices of education throughout California. Winners will be showcased at the 2015 CSBA Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show at the San Diego Convention Center, December 3-5, 2015. To view last year's winners, [visit 2014 CSBA Golden Bell Awards](#). Celebrate a program and the hardworking staff and community members behind it and submit a Golden Bell Award application! For additional information on guidelines and applications, please contact the [Golden Bell Program](#).

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