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Upcoming Events

2015 Back-to-School Webcast
[Sept. 10 - Online](#)

2015 CCBE Annual Conference
[Sept. 11 - Monterey](#)

**2015 Annual Education
 Conference and Trade Show**
[Dec. 3-5 - San Diego](#)

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CSBA launches radio ad, new website on reserve cap *Efforts call on legislators to fix reserve cap issue*

CSBA has launched a new campaign urging the Legislature to fix the cap on school district reserves. The reserve cap limits districts' ability to save for future needs and undermines local control. The campaign, produced in cooperation with the California State PTA and the League of Women Voters, features a radio ad currently running on stations around the state. [Listen to the ad](#). The campaign also includes a new website, www.repealtheccap.com. The site is devoted exclusively to providing news and information about the reserve cap issue, and includes fact sheets, press quotes and other material. It also encourages school district leaders and board members to take action by calling or emailing Gov. Jerry Brown and members of the Legislature and urging them to repeal the cap.

Gov. Jerry Brown signs vaccination bill *SB 277 signing comes one day after being sent to Governor's desk*

On Wednesday, June 30, Gov. Jerry Brown signed SB 277, the highly controversial and heavily scrutinized bill that eliminates California's personal beliefs exemptions for vaccinating school children. Brown signed the bill less than 24 hours after the Senate sent it to his desk on a 24-14 vote. The bill had drawn both staunch support and vehement opposition from across the state, and Gov. Brown had not offered any indication as to his likely action on the measure. In a signing message dated June 30, and addressed to the Senate, Gov. Brown states that "while it's true that no medical intervention is without risk, the evidence shows that immunization powerfully benefits and protects the community." Gov. Brown also pointed out that, after extensive debate on the issue, the Legislature did amend the bill to exempt immunization when a physician concludes that there are "circumstances, including, but not limited to, family medical history, for which the physician does not recommend immunization." [View the full text](#) of Brown's message.

Schools must promote affordable health coverage under new law

Resources in English and Spanish available to download, share

Signed into law in 2014, Assembly Bill 2706 (R. Hernández, D-West Covina), requires California public schools to add an item to student enrollment forms that provides the parent or legal guardian information about health care coverage options and enrollment assistance for school years 2015 through 2017. Beginning this year, students and families at all elementary, middle and high schools in California will receive this information and assistance. Covered California and the California Department of Education partnered with the [ALL IN Campaign](#) to roll out the information in the Educator Partners Toolkit. The toolkit includes: ALL IN's Customizable, one-page template in both Spanish and English with health enrollment information; California Coverage & Health Initiatives' directory of local community resources by county; and an informational flyer explaining AB 2706 to school administrators. [Visit the toolkit](#) to view, download and distribute these resources to teachers, administrators and families in your district's schools.

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 annually, as done previously. 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 briefs and fact sheets, when available. For more information, [visit CSBA's policy services](#) or call 800-266-3382.

Register for AEC 2015

Conference includes workshops, General Session speakers and more

[Register now](#) for CSBA's 2015 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in beautiful San Diego. AEC 2015 includes workshops, exhibits, networking opportunities and four General Session speakers. AEC is CSBA's premier continuing education program — delivering practical solutions to help governance teams from districts and county offices of education improve student learning and achievement. Whether you are a veteran board member, a superintendent, a board support professional or a first-time attendee, you'll come away from conference with practical ideas and a renewed commitment to help your board accomplish the critical work ahead. AEC 2015 will be held Dec. 3-5 at the San Diego Convention Center. Check your mailbox in late July for more information. For help with planning your registration, [visit the AEC website](#) and use the [Conference Registration Planning Tool](#).

New CSBA governance brief discusses school climate

Brief provides tools, resources for board members

A new CSBA brief provides an overview of the school climate issue, including current requirements and actions school boards can take to improve school climate. School climate is one of eight state priorities

that school districts must address in their LCAPs. The brief, issue 3 in the four-part Climate for Achievement series, also includes school climate resources and tools, such as examples of ways to measure school climate for parents and students. [Read "Measuring School Climate."](#)

Events, Training and Opportunities

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Save the date for meetings on CAASPP *September meetings to provide updates*

The North/South 2015 meetings on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress will be held in September. The meetings provide Local Education Agencies with updates on California's assessment system. The north meeting will take place in Sacramento Sept. 18. The south meeting will be held Sept. 29 in Ontario, near Los Angeles. Online registration and presentation topics will be available in late August from the [California Department of Education](#).

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Mandates are back in focus

CSBA knows that mandates are back in focus. Gov. Jerry Brown proposed \$3.1 billion dollars in the 2015-16 budget to repay past mandate claims. Now, districts need to determine which filing method is best: block grant or traditional filing? SI&A values data-driven decisions and believes districts should have all information necessary to make a decision that is in the best interest of their district. SI&A's mandate service covers both filing methods and includes an Annual Decision Report with side-by-side comparisons to help you decide which is in the best interest for your district. [Visit SI&A's website](#) or [contact Alest Walker](#) at 800-266-3382, ext. 2603.

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