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Register for CSBA's 2022 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show



Don't miss your chance to attend AEC, CSBA's premier continuing education program that delivers practical solutions to help district and county office of education leaders improve student learning and achievement. Veteran board members, superintendents, board support professionals and first-time attendees alike will **come away with practical ideas and a renewed commitment to helping their board accomplish**

the critical work ahead.

This year's **conference will take place at the San Diego Convention Center from Dec. 1–3.** Information on lodging, registration and more can be [found here](#).

Areas of focus include **community engagement and advocacy, equity and**

opportunity, funding and finance, leadership through governance, and well-being and mental health. In the coming weeks, CSBA will spotlight keynote speakers, networking opportunities and other topics. [Learn more and register »](#)

Federal update: Mental health grants to boost staffing



The **U.S. Department of Education** opened applications **Oct. 3** for two grants — the **School-Based Mental Health Services Grant Program** and the **Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant Program** — which collectively will provide \$1 billion over five years through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. The expanded **Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration grants** will

provide \$143 million per year to help school districts partner with colleges and universities to develop innovative methods of training new school-based mental health professionals.

The **School-Based Mental Health Services grants** will provide **\$144 million per year in competitive funding to school systems, multi-district consortia and states to increase the number of credentialed school-based mental health services providers.** Funding can be used for incentives to recruit or retain providers to schools and to help existing community mental health workers obtain the training and certification necessary to take on roles in schools. [Learn more »](#)

Additional federal updates:

- On Oct. 5 the Education Department announced 19 Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) awards totaling \$110 million and four new grant awards for the 2022 Equity Assistance Center (EAC) program totaling more than \$6.5 million. **Two California districts — Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and Pasadena USD — received more than \$6 million each in MSAP grants, which support efforts to develop and revitalize magnet schools with academically challenging and innovative instructional approaches** designed to bring together students from different social, economic, ethnic and racial backgrounds. [Learn more »](#)
- The U.S. **Office of Special Education Programs** issued a letter on **Oct. 4** reminding state directors of special education that federal law requires **K-12 special education teachers to hold a bachelor's degree and be fully certified to teach special education.** Facing regional shortages, many schools have issued emergency permits for educators to teach in subjects they are not licensed in, but under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, states must ensure special educators are adequately prepared and trained, the letter reads. [Read the letter »](#)

Legislative update: CSBA endorses Yes vote on Proposition 31



As ballots begin to arrive in mailboxes across the state, **CSBA has endorsed a Yes vote on Proposition 31.**

The measure is a referendum on the 2020 law Senate Bill 793 (Hill, D-San Mateo), which **prohibits the retail sale of certain flavored tobacco products and tobacco flavor enhancers.** Referendums provide voters the

ability to affirm or reject a legislative measure recently adopted by the state, and a majority of voters will need to approve the law before it can take effect.

Implementation of SB 793 is suspended pending the outcome of the referendum.

CSBA supported SB 793, which is **in line with the draft resolution CSBA developed in 2018 that urges local governments to prohibit the sale, manufacture and distribution of flavored tobacco products and prohibits the use of e-cigarettes anywhere in district-owned or leased buildings, on school or district property or in district vehicles.**

E-cigarettes and kid-friendly flavored products are some of the most significant factors in the rising rate of tobacco use among youth. According to the 2021 National Youth Tobacco Survey, 84.7 percent of youth e-cigarette users use flavored e-cigarettes, a 20 percent increase since 2019. **A Yes vote toward ending the sale of flavored tobacco will help keep students safe and healthy.**

School Boards in Action: 5 Questions with Fullerton SD trustee Beverly Berryman



In CSBA's continuing effort to **highlight the hard work and effective practices of boards during these challenging times**, the association's 5 Questions blog series shares the experiences of board members around the state. **Fullerton School District board President Beverly Berryman discussed efforts to foster learning recovery through expanded learning opportunities, social-emotional learning,**

diversity, equity and inclusion; opening up new channels of communication with families; and highlighting the district's Rising Stars program, which matches at-risk students with staff and community members to be a caring adult and cheerleader to encourage them on the right path. [Read the interview »](#)

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