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Register for CSBA Analyzes the May Budget Revision webinar



CSBA's Governmental Relations team is working with the Legislature as well as the Newsom Administration in the lead up to the May Budget



Revision to ensure the state budget reflects the needs of schools.

We invite you to **join CSBA for a briefing webinar at 3 p.m. on May 13 featuring a recap of the Governor's proposal and insights** from CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy and the CSBA Governmental Relations team. However, our information suggests **there is a chance the May Revise could be moved to earlier in the week**. If the announcement is rescheduled, the webinar will be move to the same day. Please check your email for updates as this change may happen on short notice. [Register now »](#)

CSBA is also co-sponsoring Budget Perspectives Workshops in partnership with Capitol Advisors in counties across the state from May 23–June 1. [Learn more and register »](#)

Advocacy alert: Tell the Legislature to include pension relief in this year's budget



With Gov. Gavin Newsom's May Budget Revision on the horizon, CSBA is looking ahead to a fresh round of budget negotiations and advocacy in Sacramento. Left unaddressed in the Governor's January proposal and both the Senate and Assembly's budget priorities is **the issue of pensions. Absent an additional contribution from the state General Fund to keep employer contribution rates flat in 2022–23, local educational agencies will see rate increases in CalSTRS of approximately 2.18 percentage points and 2.16 percentage points in CalPERS — a single-year pension cost increase of \$1.2 billion starting July 1, 2022.**

CSBA is advocating the state commit a \$3.5 billion non-Proposition 98 General Fund payment on the behalf of LEAs to CalSTRS and the CalPERS Schools Pool, including \$1.2 billion to sustain the employer contribution rates in the short term and \$2.3 billion to reduce both systems' long-term unfunded liability. [Contact your legislators and Gov. Newsom through CSBA's easy-to-use website »](#)

Leadership Institute will feature inspiring speakers

Join CSBA at the **2022 Leadership Institute from July 22–23 in downtown Los Angeles for this professional development opportunity focusing on strengthening leadership skills** in the midst of this chaotic time in K-12 public education. **“Leadership in a time of chaos, change and opportunity” will feature dynamic**



speakers including **Dr. Natalie Stavas**, a Children's Hospital of Philadelphia physician, who in 2013 heard explosions when she approached the finish line of her fifth Boston marathon and ran to the scene where she helped triage the wounded. After the bombings, Stavas increased her efforts in preventing childhood violence.

In advance of her Leadership Institute appearance, Stavas greets registrants in a [short video](#). "The past two years have challenged us in unanticipated ways," she says. **"I hope my session, Running toward Chaos, helps you find ways to tackle the adversity we face every single day, bring a new notion to the concept of leadership and help you prepare for the future."** [Register for Leadership Institute »](#)

LAUSD reaches agreement on compensatory education for students with disabilities



On April 27, 2022, the Los Angeles Unified School District entered into a [Resolution Agreement](#) with the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) **regarding the district's provision of compensatory education to students with individual education programs (IEPs) or Section 504 Plans due to the loss of service from school closures necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.** The agreement arose from an

[investigation](#) OCR conducted of LAUSD's provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to students with disabilities during the pandemic. OCR found that, while implementing remote learning during the pandemic, LAUSD was not able to provide a FAPE to students with disabilities, including insufficient record-keeping and timely remedies of FAPE. **According to OCR's investigation, the difficulties of providing services during the pandemic constituted a violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. LAUSD entered into the Resolution Agreement voluntarily in order to address the violations of Section 504 found by OCR.**

The Resolution Agreement **requires LAUSD to develop and implement a plan, subject to approval by OCR, for compensatory education for the impacted students and to track the compensatory education provided to each student.** The agreement lays out several areas of responsibility for LAUSD and provides a roadmap for identifying students who did not receive required educational services during the "Pandemic Period" (defined in the agreement as March 17, 2020, to the end of the 2021–22 school year), providing a method for determining the amount and type of compensatory education required for each student, tracking and reporting the provision of compensatory education, and reporting on its actions to OCR.

While this Resolution Agreement applies only to LAUSD, **OCR's actions demonstrate that it is seeking to address learning loss experienced by students with IEPs and 504 plans, which could include investigations in other LEAs in California.**

Showcase your LEA's innovative programs at AEC



CSBA is **accepting workshop and table talk proposals until May 20 for the 2022 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show**. AEC, taking place **Dec. 1–3 in San Diego**, is the place to **showcase your local educational agency's innovative and successful programs and ideas and share your knowledge** with colleagues from across the state. Please visit the AEC website to view the call for proposal requirements, criteria for

a strong proposal, 2022 strand descriptions, workshop and table talk details, presenter types and more. Proposals must be submitted no later than May 20, 2022. [Learn more »](#)

Free COVID tests available for summer programs



The California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention **invite local educational agencies to apply for free at-home COVID-19 tests**. LEAs may apply **weekly through June 17** and are encouraged to order **what they need for summer programs by that date**. To be eligible for the current week's disbursement, the form **must be completed by 12 p.m. on Fridays**. Tests typically take 10-14

business days to be delivered after submission deadline. [Learn more »](#)

New FAQs available on use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program funds



The Department of Treasury released a [Frequently Asked Questions document](#) detailing expanded allowable uses of the **\$350 billion State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program funding**, which includes **“full salary and benefits of many school and childcare staff**, including increased wages needed to recruit and retain excellent staff, and to fund premium pay, bonuses, training, and other worker

supports.” [Read more »](#)

Comprehensive performance audits for your district’s bond funds

Annual Proposition 39 **PERFORMANCE AUDITS**

CSBA believes that a performance audit of bond funds should be comprehensive enough to assess the **best use of taxpayer money and provide recommendations for improvements based on best practices in procurement and construction.** CSBA partners with Total School Solutions in providing **comprehensive performance audits to assist our members** in improving their bond-funded facilities programs.

Please contact Susan Lendway at 707-422-6393 to request a proposal for your performance audit. [Learn more »](#)

COVID-19 resources

Stay up to date with the latest news and resources related to COVID-19 on [CSBA's dedicated webpage](#) and with articles frequently posted on the [CSBA blog](#).

Virtual events

MIG Course 3: School Finance Part 1 and Part 2

May 12-13

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/ Collective Bargaining

May 13-14

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration

May 24-25| [Register](#)

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June 1-2 | [Register](#)

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MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration

June 10-11 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

June 14 | [Register](#)

Governance with an Equity Lens

Aug. 27-Oct. 22 | [Register](#)

In-person events

2022 Leadership Institute

July 22-23 | Los Angeles | [Register](#)

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