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Legislative update: CSBA secures major wins as Governor's signing deadline approaches



With just days left before the Oct. 14 deadline to sign or veto all legislation, **CSBA advocacy has secured a number of major legislative victories. Four CSBA-sponsored bills were signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom over the weekend to help increase funding for student health, increase support for districts facing cyberattacks, help county boards appoint student members and extend the opportunity**

for boards to meet remotely during states of emergency.

- [Assembly Bill 417 \(Bennett, D-Ventura\)](#): Provides needed follow up to 2022

legislation that authorized a county board of education to select a student in a district school to fill a position on the county office board reserved for a pupil. In the absence of a petition for student representation, AB 417 permits a county board to appoint one of its own students from a school directly under its jurisdiction to the position.

- **AB 483 (Muratsuchi, D-Torrance):** Expands access to school-based health and mental health services and increases funding for school districts by improving the Medi-Cal Local Education Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP). The bill modifies and imposes new requirements related to timelines, reporting, technical assistance, stakeholder engagement and guidance for LEA BOP.
- **AB 557 (Hart, D-Santa Barbara):** Extends the opportunity for school boards to offer virtual meeting options during states of emergency.
- **AB 1023 (Papan, D-San Mateo):** Increases cybersecurity support for school districts by requiring the California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) to include a representative from the California Department of Education and coordinate information sharing with school districts, county offices of education and charter schools.

One additional sponsored bill aimed at providing immediate relief during the teacher shortage, **Senate Bill 765 (Portantino, D-Glendale)**, is still awaiting final action by the Governor. [Learn more on the CSBA blog »](#)

Legal update: Parental rights weighed in court cases across the country



Two recent federal court cases in California, *Regino v. Staley* and *Mirabelli v. Olson*, consider the legality of a school policy that requires student consent before the parent of a transitioning student may be informed about the student's gender identity. Despite the fact that *Mirabelli* was brought by teachers and was ostensibly about their rights, both decisions primarily focus on an analysis of parental rights

under federal law. Despite these similarities, the cases diverge in many significant ways in their conclusions and the details of their analyses. **Most prominently, there is a clear disagreement between these two courts as to the exact contours of parental rights in the school setting under the United States Constitution.** The *Regino* court relies on interpretation of existing law to find that, in the school setting, parental rights do not extend to the right to receive notice of a student's gender transition or provide consent for such a transition. *Mirabelli* on the other hand, interprets existing law to include the right of parental notice.

A new CSBA blog posts details the cases as well as the Attorney General's recently issued guidance stating that the ruling in *Mirabelli* did not affect the temporary restraining order in the Chino Valley Unified School District case and that the temporary restraining order issued in that case "remains in full force and effect." The blog also includes a description of several other student, parent and teacher's rights

cases in other states and an appendix of parental notification policies adopted by California school districts. [Read more »](#)

Federal update: Supports to increase the reach of school mental health services



A **\$2.6 million award to support school mental health services and workforce needs** was announced by the Biden-Harris Administration on Sept. 22. The University of Wisconsin System's Board of Regents has been tasked with **establishing a national Mental Health Evaluation, Training, Research, and Innovation Center for Schools (METRICS) to offer increased support and new resources for schools around training mental health professionals and providing school-based mental health services.** In addition to supporting grantees of the U.S. Department of Education's School-Based Mental Health and Mental Health Services Professionals programs, **METRICS will distribute resources to states and local educational agencies across the country to assist them in implementing high-quality projects to address the social, emotional and mental health needs of PK-12 learners and introduce more school-based mental health services providers to the field.** [Learn more »](#)

Upcoming webinar: Learn about the benefits of BuyBoard



Register now for an **Oct. 19 webinar where attendees will learn how CSBA's new business partner BuyBoard can help maximize their local educational agency's budget, lower administrative costs and streamline the procurement process.** The BuyBoard national purchasing cooperative gives CSBA members access to one of the country's largest marketplaces focused specifically on elementary and secondary schools so you can consolidate a nearly limitless supply of goods and services under one roof, use group purchasing power to offer significant discounts and eliminate the formal Request for Proposals process.

BuyBoard products and services include everything from furniture, textbooks, athletic equipment and HVAC supplies to custodial and lawn care services and much more. This webinar, starting at 11 a.m. on Oct. 19, will share how to get started; best practices for reducing costs and liabilities; and explain how participation in BuyBoard also supports California schools. [Learn more and register »](#)

Early registration open for 2024 Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip



Mark your calendar! **CSBA and the Association of California School Administrators' third annual Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip to Washington, D.C. is happening April 8-10, 2024, and early registration is available now at a discounted rate.**

California governance team members — district and county board members and superintendents — are urged to attend this event in our nation's capital to shine a light on the issues affecting the state's nearly 6 million K-12 students. The event will begin with a day-and-a-half of education policy issues specific to California, including “insiders” briefings on the latest politics affecting federal education policy, networking opportunities with prominent D.C. figures and fellow educators, as well as special sessions with administration officials and other top policymakers and influencers on Capitol Hill. The training is followed by a chance to advocate directly with California congressional representatives. [Learn more and register »](#)

Raise funds needed for real property acquisitions and capital improvements

CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION Program

CSBA's Certificates of Participation program **assists California school districts, county offices of education and community college districts in their efforts to raise funds for capital equipment or real property acquisitions and improvements** and allows capital project finance or loan refinancing without voter approval. Finance construction, renovations, equipment, energy projects and more with fast and efficient

financing. [Learn more »](#)

Stay up to date with the latest news and resources on the [CSBA blog](#).

Virtual events

MIG Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review
Nov. 6-Dec. 11 | [Register](#)

Student Board Member Trainings

Sponsors



Advocacy and Engagement | Jan. 29 |

[Register](#)

Transition Planning, Legacy Building, and
Next steps | April 15 | [Register](#)

Student Board Member Governance Q&A and Networking

Nov. 6 | [Register](#)

Feb. 12 | [Register](#)

March 4 | [Register](#)

Board Presidents Workshop

Jan. 11 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistants Certification Program

Jan. 12-March 15 | [Register](#)

Orientation for New Trustees

Jan. 18 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

Jan. 22 | [Register](#)

Institute for New and First-Term Board Members

Jan. 30-31 | [Register](#)

In-person events

CSBA Roadshow

Oct. 11 | Santa Cruz County | [Register](#)

Oct. 17 | Fresno County | [Register](#)

Oct. 23 | Kern County/Bakersfield | [Register](#)

Oct. 23 | San Mateo County | [Register](#)

Oct. 25 | Shasta/Siskiyou counties | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

Oct. 25 | Marysville | [Register](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Jan. 20 | Monterey | [Register](#)

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