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Legislative update: Legislature passes budget bill; more negotiations lie ahead



To meet the constitutional June 15 deadline to pass a budget, the Senate and Assembly voted to approve initial budget legislation. **Senate Bill 101 passed the Assembly** on a vote of 61-14 and was **approved by the Senate** on a vote of 32-8. **SB 101 reflects the impact of CSBA's ongoing budget advocacy and includes the most significant priorities CSBA members and Governmental Relations staff have advocated**

for throughout the budget cycle. This includes reducing the proposed cuts to the Arts, Music & Instructional Materials and Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grants, fully funding the 8.22 percent cost-of-living adjustment and providing much needed

stabilization funding for county office of education-operated juvenile court schools and community schools. [Read more about the budget bill on the CSBA blog »](#)

Gov. Gavin Newsom has until June 30 to sign or veto the bill. **Many areas of contention still remain between the Legislature and Governor including the block grant cuts restored in SB 101.** With revenues still uncertain ahead of the delayed tax deadline in October, additional budget and budget trailer bills will be the focus of renewed negotiations in the weeks and months ahead. CSBA will continue to keep members updated on the latest developments and opportunities for advocacy.

Legal update: ELA to file amicus brief in support of trustees in *Garnier v. O'Connor-Ratcliff*



In the winter 2022 issue of *California Schools* magazine, CSBA's Legal Team provided a [summary](#) of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *Garnier v. O'Connor-Ratcliff*, which held that the decision of two school board members to block some constituents from accessing their private social media accounts used by the board members to engage with constituents was a state action and violated

the First Amendment rights of the constituents. The board members, Michelle O'Connor-Ratcliff and T.J. Zane, appealed the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court and on April 24, 2023, the Court accepted the petition to hear the case. The Court will hear the case during the October term.

This case presents **important issues regarding individual board members' use of social media when they use it to interact with constituents. Included in those issues are the potential limitations on board members' First Amendment rights to speak individually on issues as well as making a board responsible for monitoring the speech of individual board members.** These issues are particularly important in light of the fact that a board may only act collectively, with no board member being able to act on their own. As technology continues to evolve and be used regularly by districts and board members, including for their independent campaign activity, the issues in this case are key to understanding how to properly use and regulate individual board member use of social media. As a result, **the Education Legal Alliance will be filing an amicus brief in this case, urging the Court to find that board members' use of social media accounts does not constitute state action.** [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

Read the June issue of *California School News* now



An **analysis of the May Budget Revision, a Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip recap and photospread** and a California teacher supply report showing a decrease in new teacher credentials are featured in the June edition of *California School News*. Also in this issue, CSBA



recognizes Pride Month and the **importance of inclusive instructional and library materials for LGBTQ youth**, CSBA's Legal Team examines

district lawsuits against social media companies for “knowingly, deliberately and intentionally contributed to a mental health crisis among the nation’s youth” and President Susan Markarian writes about the **importance of policy and practice** over partisanship.

[Read the issue online »](#)

Last call: Showcase your talented students at AEC



Does your district or county office of education have a **talented group of students you'd like to showcase at the 2023 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show**, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in San Francisco? The **CSBA Conference Planning Committee is seeking student performers of all grade levels** representing local educational agencies across the state.

AEC welcomes thousands of members from California's diverse education community, offering an excellent opportunity to recognize student successes in the arts and showcase their talent. **Proposals from bands, choral groups, soloists, thespians and other student performers are welcome. Performance time will be approximately 8-10 minutes in front of a full house of education leaders.** Please note that travel and other expenses are the responsibility of the LEA. **Applications are due by June 28 and decisions will be announced mid-July.** [Learn more and apply »](#)

CSBA state education meeting reports



Don't have time to watch the latest state education meeting, such as the State Board of Education, Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) or California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE)? **CSBA has you covered with reliable reporting following each state meeting. At its June 15 meeting, CCEE staff gave updates on the Statewide System of Support and a new tool that generates tailored blending, braiding**

and layering funding options for local educational agencies, among other updates.

[Read the recap »](#)

At the June 15-16 meeting of the CTC, the commission **approved the transmittal of the second annual report to the Legislature on implementation on Senate Bill 488**, which eliminates the Reading Competence Instruction Assessment (RICA), and had an **impassioned discussion on the passing rates for Commission-approved field tests, citing extreme concern for the performance of underrepresented racial/ethnic groups of candidates**, particularly those who identify as Black, Indigenous and other people of color. [Read the recap »](#)

Have you completed your GASB report?



The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) establishes accounting reporting standards. **GASB 68 reports are required for pensions that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers** through pension plans that are administered through trusts. **GASB 75 reports are required for other postemployment benefits** that are provided to the employees of state and local

governmental employers. CSBA offers actuarial services through our partner DFA, LLC. **DFA, LLC provides GASB compliant reports to state and local governmental employers with no limit to the number of participants.** [Learn more »](#)

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Virtual events

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration
June 28 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistants Certification Program — Lambda Cohort
July 13-Nov. 9 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act
Aug. 25 | [Register](#)

In-person events

CSBA Roadshow
June 23 | Humboldt County | **Postponed**
Aug. 10 | Riverside/San Bernardino counties | [Register](#)
Aug. 12 | West Los Angeles County | [Register](#)
Aug. 16 | South San Diego County | [Register](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Sponsors



Aug. 12 | San Marcos | [Register](#)

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Aug. 26 | Fremont | [Register](#)

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