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Governor's budget continues most commitments to TK-12 education



Gov. Gavin Newsom released his 2023–24 Budget Proposal on Jan. 10, outlining a **\$297 billion budget that, despite a slowing economy and what the Newsom Administration projects to be a \$22.5 billion dollar state General Fund shortfall, continues many of the state's commitments to TK-12 education** without making any discretionary withdrawals from the Proposition 98 rainy day fund.

[Watch CSBA President Susan Markarian's statement on Gov. Newsom's 2023–24](#)

Budget Proposal.

The Governor's plan **proposes \$108.8 billion in Proposition 98 funding for 2023–24, a decrease of approximately \$1.5 billion relative to the 2022 Budget Act** that includes a rebenching of the guarantee to accommodate the ongoing implementation of transitional kindergarten (TK). The Governor's proposal also **includes a Local Control Funding Formula cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 8.13 percent**, an increase of \$4.2 billion in discretionary funds for local educational agencies when combined with growth adjustments. Additionally, the proposal includes **ongoing funding for TK expansion and the \$637 million commitment to fund 60 percent of approved costs for the home-to-school transportation program**, but **delays funds for early education facilities** to 2024–25, and makes a **significant cut to the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant**. [Read more about the proposal details on the CSBA blog](#) »

Register now for CSBA webinar on Governor's Budget Proposal



Join CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy and Governmental Relations staff for a review of the Governor's January Budget Proposal and its impact on school districts and county offices of education across California at 6 p.m. on Jan. 11. In this 90-minute webinar, CSBA will break down the budget with slides and commentary from both a statewide and local perspective, with special attention paid to

local governance implications. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. Staff will also review how the Governor's proposal addresses key CSBA budget priorities including, but not limited to, expanded funding for mental health services, staff recruitment and retention, implementation of transitional kindergarten, cybersecurity and internet infrastructure, and pension relief.

At this critical time for public schools when the state budget is beginning to take a turn toward lower revenues, it's important that education leaders have access to the information needed to make crucial decisions affecting students, staff and families. Get the information you need at CSBA's Governor's Budget Breakdown at 6 p.m. on Jan. 11. [Register now](#) »

Federal update: Education spending bill breakdown



President Joe Biden on Dec. 29 signed a \$1.7 trillion **federal spending bill** that includes \$3.2 billion in increases to education spending — roughly 4 percent more than was allocated in fiscal year 2022. The bill will fund the government through September of this year. Included in the bill is \$850 million for Every

Student Succeeds Act Title I (an increase of 4.8 percent), \$100 million for Title IV-A (an increase of 7.8 percent), \$1.8 billion for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (an increase of 30 percent), \$960 million toward Head Start and Early Head Start programs, \$903 million in Individuals with Disabilities Education Act state grants, and \$25 million toward the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Program.

Legal update: Recent developments regarding school districts and parcel taxes



In City and County of San Francisco v. All Persons Interested in The Matter of Proposition G ((2021) 282 Cal. Rptr. 3d 17), the Court of Appeal ruled that the two-thirds majority requirement for passage of a parcel tax ballot measure “constrained only local government entities” and did not displace the citizens’ right to enact initiatives by simple majority. The court also rejected defendants’

arguments seeking to define “local governmental entities,” such as cities, counties and districts, as inclusive of citizens of such entities, to which the two-thirds majority requirement would apply.

This decision highlights two important considerations for local educational agencies.

When the use of a local citizen’s initiative proposal is being considered for parcel tax purposes, districts should carefully monitor the involvement of district staff and officials. Districts should cooperate and/or collaborate with interested community members only to the extent permitted by law. It is prudent to understand that a determination of whether a district’s involvement was appropriate or illegal will turn on the facts of each case and to anticipate that opponents of the exercise of the citizen’s initiative power will want to explore any legal shortcomings. **In addition, districts must ensure that district funds, services, supplies or equipment are not used to support or defeat a parcel tax ballot measure in violation of Education Code §7054.** [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

School Board Recognition Month spotlight



January is School Board Recognition Month, but **CSBA celebrates the work of dedicated trustees year-round through its School Boards in Action campaign. The multi-platform effort allows trustees to share the experiences of their districts alongside anecdotes from their personal lives.** Components of the campaign have included online ads, commercials on streaming radio services, board member profiles

in *California Schools* magazine, monthly features in the *California School News*

newsletter, 5 Questions interviews on CSBA's blog and video interviews.

Video storytelling gives a glimpse of life in various districts. Narrated by trustees, the videos explore local educational agency's pandemic response and recovery plans; district values, goals, accomplishments and priorities; the importance of school boards' work and board members' "why." "Public schools are such great pillars in our community because they have the potential to become the great equalizers of our community, really making sure that every child comes as they are to safe spaces where they can learn and grow and thrive in a global society and be ready to attain any future that they dream to achieve," said Franklin-McKinley School District board member Maimona Afzal Berta in a video interview. [View School Boards in Action interviews »](#)

Attend CSBA co-sponsored Budget Perspectives Workshops



Local educational agency leaders are invited to take part in **upcoming Budget Perspectives Workshops on the 2023 Governor's Budget**. **The free sessions, co-sponsored by CSBA and Capitol Advisors, will be held at county office of education headquarters in Northern, Central and Southern California between late January and early February**. There will also be four virtual presentations. Experts will discuss the Governor's

January Budget Proposal and the current status of the Local Control Funding Formula and cost-of-living adjustments; declining enrollment and average daily attendance; funding and policy around expanded learning, transitional kindergarten, universal meals, community schools, special education and more. [Learn more and register »](#)

CSBA offering Institute for New and First-Term Board Members



The roles and responsibilities of a school board member are diverse, oftentimes complex, and always important. **This innovative two-day seminar outlines four major areas of board responsibility and authority to help you determine how you can be effective and make the greatest impact in your district or county office. Areas of focus include effective governance, student learning and**

achievement, human resources and school finance. CSBA is offering this training virtually on [Jan. 24-25](#) and [Feb. 14-15](#). [Learn more and register »](#)

Expert MAA and LEA billing assistance



Practi-Cal offers the most comprehensive Medi-Cal and Medicaid Administrative billing services available to local educational agencies. Its broad range of expertise allows it to **identify areas of reimbursement often overlooked by others and simplifies the complicated billing process**, while minimizing your efforts — all with **no up-front costs to the district.** [Learn more »](#)

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

Virtual events

Student Board Member Spring Training Session

Jan. 18 | [Register](#)

Institute for New and First-Term Board Members

Jan. 24-25 | [Register](#)

Feb. 14-15 | [Register](#)

MIG COE COURSE 1 Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Jan. 27-28 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistants Certification Program - Kappa Cohort

Feb. 2-May 11 | [Register](#)

2023 Governance with an Equity Lens

Feb. 4-May 6 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Feb. 6-8 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistants Certification Program - Iota Cohort

Feb. 10-April 21 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

Feb. 10 | [Register](#)

Sponsors



MIG COE Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review
Feb. 24-25 | [Register](#)

Board Presidents Workshop
Feb. 23 | [Register](#)
Feb. 28 | [Register](#)

Orientation for New Trustees
March 1 | [Register](#)

MIG COE Course 3: Finance
April 1 | [Register](#)

MIG COE Course 4: Charter Schools
April 15 | [Register](#)

MIG COE Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration
May 5-6 | [Register](#)

In-person events

Orientation for New Trustees
Feb. 21 | Sacramento | [Register](#)
March 8 | Redding | [Register](#)

County Board Governance Workshop
March 10-11 | Sacramento | [Register](#)

Board Presidents Workshop
March 18 | Rancho Cucamonga | [Register](#)

2023 Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip
April 24-26 | Washington, D.C. | [Register](#)

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