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### Legislative update: Legislative Analyst urges caution on increased spending after budget trailer bill release



The Department of Finance has released **trailer bill language** for Gov. Gavin Newsom's January budget, including the education omnibus trailer bill, providing more detail on the Governor's **proposed 2023–24 TK-12 education budget**. The trailer bill homes in on major provisions of the Governor's proposal as budget hearings in the Legislature begin, while a **new analysis from the Legislative Analyst's Office**

**warns that more education cuts may be necessary**. Key proposals in the trailer bill include **one-time funds and a block grant reduction to fully fund a cost-of-living adjustment; details on the proposed Local Control Funding Formula Equity**

## Federal updates: State of the Union Address



President **Joe Biden** delivered his **State of the Union Address** on Feb. 7, announcing several priorities his Administration has surrounding education. Following California's lead, Biden cited the benefits of **providing access to preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds**, as well as **connecting students to career opportunities in high school** and providing two years of community college. Other proposals include **promoting greater access to mental health services at schools; raising teacher salaries; replacing lead pipes** in 400,000 schools and child care centers; **cracking down on fentanyl** production, sale and trafficking; **restoring the full Child Tax Credit**, which cut child poverty in half while it was in place; **barring tech companies including social media from collecting personal data on youth online and banning targeted advertising to children**; and ensuring every community has **access to affordable, high-speed internet**. "No parent should have to drive to a McDonald's parking lot so their kid can do their homework online," Biden said, a sentiment shared in a [commentary](#) penned by CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy at the height of the pandemic. [Read the President's full remarks as prepared](#) | [View the recording](#)

### In other federal news:

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced a proposed rule that would phase back in stricter nutrition guidelines for school meals, including the amount of added sugar and sodium permitted in meals, as well as increasing the use of whole grain products. FNS had introduced more flexibility in meeting certain nutrition requirements under the Trump Administration, and **additional flexibilities have been provided over the past three years to address school meal challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic**. CSBA will be reviewing the proposed rule. [Read an unofficial version of the proposed rule »](#)
- The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights has released a fact sheet — [Diversity & Inclusion Activities Under Title VI](#) — to help school communities, including students, families, educators and local educational agencies, **better understand that diversity, equity and inclusion training and similar activities in most factual circumstances are consistent with Title VI**, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color or national origin in the programs or activities of all recipients of federal financial assistance. **Activities intended to further diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion are not generally or categorically prohibited under Title VI**, according to the fact sheet.

## CCEE details upcoming professional development opportunities for educators



**Professional development opportunities were discussed during the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence's governing board meeting on Feb. 2.** There are three projects led by county offices of education that were funded by the Learning Acceleration System Grant: **The California Collaborative for Learning Acceleration**, led by Santa Clara COE with a focus on math, literacy, and language

development; the **California Literacy Elevation by Accelerating Learning** (Project CLEAR) for literacy and language development, led by San Diego COE; and the **Rural Math Collaborative**, led by Lake COE. **Each lead is launching professional learning modules and hosting events between now and this fall.** [Additional details are available in the full meeting recap on the CSBA blog »](#)

## Indoor air quality awareness funding available



The California Department of Public Health announced a **new funding opportunity to educate, increase awareness, and engage schools and communities on the importance of indoor air quality.** Schools and districts are eligible to apply for the IAQ Community Education Grant, which offers funding to support schools in developing and disseminating innovative educational materials on how to improve indoor air

quality and the benefits of doing so. **Local educational agencies may request up to \$10,000. The application deadline is Feb. 17 at 5 p.m.** Any questions should be directed to [IAQGrants@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:IAQGrants@cdph.ca.gov). [Apply now »](#)

## CSBA Delegate Assembly election: Ballots due March 15



Ballots for this year's CSBA Delegate Assembly, in subregions that have elections, were mailed to school districts and county offices of education by Feb. 1. **Completed ballots should be returned to CSBA's West Sacramento office and must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than Wednesday, March 15, to be valid.** All districts, county offices of education and candidates will be notified of the results by April 1.

Run-off elections will be conducted in the case of tie votes. All new and re-elected Delegates are eligible to attend the May 20-21 Delegate Assembly meeting in Sacramento. [Learn more about CSBA's Delegate Assembly and candidates](#)

[for election »](#)

## 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 »](#)

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

## Virtual events

### **Institute for New and First-Term Board Members**

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

### **Board Presidents Workshop**

Feb. 23 | [Register](#)

Feb. 28 | [Register](#)

### **Orientation for New Trustees**

March 1 | [Register](#)

### **MIG Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review**

March 2-3 | [Register](#)

### **When They See Us**

March 2 | [Register](#)

### **MIG Course 3: School Finance Part 1 and Part 2**

March 14 | [Register](#)

## In-person events

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**Orientation for New Trustees**

March 8 | Redding | [Register](#)

**What Executive Assistants and Board Presidents Need to Know About the Brown Act**

March 1 | Los Angeles | [Register](#)

**The Brown Act**

March 7 | Santa Cruz | [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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