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Legislative Action Week preview: Sponsored legislation



As district and county board members across the state prepare to meet with their legislators during CSBA's virtual **Legislative Action Week** March 14-16, CSBA is highlighting some of the most pressing issues. **In addition to budget advocacy, attendees can ask their representatives to support three pieces of CSBA-sponsored legislation in 2023:**

- **Assembly Bill 1023 (Papan, D-San Mateo): Increased support for districts to protect against ransomware attacks** – Ransomware attacks continue to impact local educational agencies of all sizes. CSBA is sponsoring AB 1023 to authorize LEAs to use discretionary funding provided under the Arts, Music & Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant for cybersecurity purposes, in keeping with the intent of the grant to allow districts to use these funds for operational costs, including taking steps to protect against possible ransomware attacks.

- **Senate Bill 645 (Ochoa-Bogh, R-Yucaipa): Addressing the small school district administrator-to-teacher ratio caps** – Current law limits the number of administrators a school district may hire, which disproportionately impacts small school districts. CSBA is sponsoring SB 645 to amend Education Code 41402 to allow small school districts to hire the appropriate number of administrators based upon school size, helping small districts better meet the needs of their students, teachers, staff and the greater school community.
- **AB 906 (Gipson, D-Carson): Increased and stabilized funding for court and community schools** – Juvenile court schools and county community schools are operated by county offices of education (COE) and funded based on average daily attendance. Because placements are temporary for these at-promise students, the existing funding model is inadequate to properly support some of our most vulnerable students. CSBA is co-sponsoring AB 906 with California County Superintendents to invest in high-quality programs and the students they serve by providing sufficient and predictable resources by instead including funding for juvenile court and community schools in a COE's base grant.

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 »](#)

School Boards in Action: 5 questions with Brad Beach, ABC USD



In CSBA's continuing effort to highlight the hard work and effective practices of boards throughout the state, the association's 5 Questions blog series shares the experiences of board members. **ABC Unified School District Board President Brad Beach discusses efforts to hire a mental health professional at every campus, covering 100 percent of employee contributions toward their family health benefit, tutoring and**

summer school offerings, district communications, his participation in the Watch D.O.G.S. program at his daughters' school and more. [Read the interview on the CSBA blog »](#)

Federal youth work program guidance available



The U.S. Department of Labor on March 2 released a [training and employment guidance letter](#) related to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I Youth Formula Program funds. The WIOA is a comprehensive youth employment program serving eligible youth, ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training and employment. **The new guidance applies to any local agency that provides workforce training programs using WIOA funding at the local level.** It addresses the **program's priorities, clarifies its policies, and provides information to help states and local areas improve services, supports, and outcomes for youth**, particularly opportunity youth (out-of-school and out-of-work youth), by integrating equity and job quality principles into program design and service delivery as well as elevating youth voice and addressing mental health. Educational agencies and partners that offer WIOA youth programming should review their policies and procedures and ensure they are in compliance with the guidance. [Learn more »](#)

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

Legislative Action Week

Sponsors



March 14-17

MIG Course 3: School Finance Part 1 and Part 2

March 14-15 | [Register](#)

Equity Network Alumni Event: Cultural Competence in the Context of America

March 28 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining

March 28-29 | [Register](#)

In-person events

County Board Governance Workshop

March 10-11 | Sacramento | [Register](#)

MIG 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

March 23 | Santa Cruz | [Register](#)

MIG 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review

March 24 | Santa Cruz | [Register](#)

2023 Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip

April 24-26 | Washington, D.C. | [Register](#)

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