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Legislative update: First major Legislative deadline approaches



Key education proposals are approaching their first do-or-die moment of the 2023–24 legislative year. April 28 marks the first policy committee deadline, the date by which all “fiscal bills” (those requiring an appropriation of funds) must pass out of their assigned policy committees and move to the Appropriations Committee in order to move forward. Non-fiscal bills are granted a little more time, with a deadline of May 5.

Two CSBA-sponsored bills have already cleared this hurdle with another expected to pass this week: **Assembly Bill 417** (Bennett, D-Ventura), which **would increase**

county boards of education's authority to appoint a student school board member, sailed through its policy committee hearings and approval on the Assembly floor and has moved on to the Senate. **AB 483** (Muratsuchi, D-Torrance), cleared the Assembly Health Committee on March 21 and is now waiting to be considered in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. This **bill would expand access to school-based health and mental health services by increasing funding available to support student support services by improving and streamlining the Medi-Cal Local Education Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP).** **AB 1023** (Papan, D-San Mateo), which would authorize LEAs to use discretionary funding provided under the Arts, & Music and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant for cybersecurity purposes, is awaiting consideration by the Assembly Education Committee on April 26 and is expected to pass. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

CSBA Roadshow: May and June stops



CSBA leadership is visiting members around the state to hear what you have to say. Good, bad or somewhere in the middle, **CSBA needs your input to shape its legislative, policy and research work, and to more effectively advocate on behalf of members.** Attend these roadshows to express your opinions on public schools; network with colleagues; hear about CSBA advocacy, products and services; enjoy

some free food — and bring a fellow school board member.

Join CSBA from 6-8 p.m. on May 3 in East LA County at Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, **May 8 in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties** at Ventura County Office of Education, **June 7 in Sacramento County** at Twin Rivers USD and **June 23 in Humboldt County** at Humboldt COE. [Learn more about the Roadshow and register »](#)

Submit your Golden Awards application



Applications for the 2023 Golden Awards program — the Golden Bell, Golden Gavel and Golden Quill awards — are being accepted through June 30. The Golden Bell Award honors the hard work and dedication of governing boards and district staff in creating innovative programs that improve student achievement and well-being in the state's preK-12 public schools. The Golden Gavel Award recognizes both an individual board

member and governance team who exemplify best practices in effective governance and boardsmanship.

The **Golden Quill Award** highlights the essential role that journalists play in increasing understanding of the objectives, operations, accomplishments,

challenges and opportunities related to public schools. The award is given in recognition of fair, insightful and accurate reporting on public schools by individual print, broadcast and online news media representatives. **Trustees from CSBA member boards are invited to nominate a local journalist they see doing meaningful work covering education.** [Learn more »](#)

Experts share school safety tips at CSBA webinar



CSBA's April 18 webinar, "**Safety First: Expert tips for supporting effective school safety plans and student mental health,**" offered advice on comprehensive school safety plans, district-level strategies to keep students and staff safe, and the impact that threats have on mental health.

Tom Herman, administrator of the California Department of Education's School Health and Safety Office, explained the **fundamental components of the legally required comprehensive school safety plan.** Darshana Patel, Poway USD board president, and San Bernardino USD Police Chief Joseph Paulino shared their respective districts' safety plans as well as initiatives that have proven successful in helping to build trust and share information within their communities. Erika Felix, a professor at University of California, Santa Barbara, and a licensed clinical psychologist, **discussed the mental health implications of bullying, safety drills and more.** [Read a full recap on the CSBA blog »](#)

April edition of *California School News* available online



The **power of collective advocacy as seen during Legislative Action Week, a recap of CSBA's recent webinar on the basics of trauma-informed education, cybersecurity recommendations for schools, a review of current law around parental rights** amid proposed federal legislation are covered in the April issue of *California School News*. Other topics explored include **the positive impact universal meals can have on attendance, the benefits of board self-evaluation, a spring 2023 update on COVID relief spending, an overview of a Rialto Unified School District program that offers students environment-based learning experiences, information on policies and practices to anchor highly mobile students, how tutoring can aid in learning recovery and a breakdown of the latest State Board of Education meeting.** [Read California School News »](#)

Commission on Teacher Credentialing moves key

initiatives forward



The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing **met April 19-21** to take action on items including **the regulatory package for the PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Instruction Credential and Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) standards for literacy instruction**, among others. **Both items were adopted**, and this meeting marked at least the second time the commission had reviewed

them after sending back to staff for revisions.

Major milestones were reached in key years-long, yet whirlwind, initiatives. The adoption of the PK-3 ECE Specialist credential was the culmination of work that began in 2021 to refocus and repurpose the existing Early Childhood Specialist Credential to serve as a PK-3 credential in response to expanding universal transitional kindergarten. Discussion regarding the creation of Literacy Program Standards and Teaching Performance Expectations for literacy instruction as directed by Senate Bill 488 began in 2021; the adoption of the Teacher Performance Assessment standards marks its completion. [Read the full meeting recap »](#)

Streamlined superintendent hiring for districts and COEs



CSBA, in partnership with McPherson & Jacobson, L.L.C., offers the Executive Search Service to **provide districts and county offices of education with a streamlined process to meet their executive hiring needs**. From identifying possible candidates to the selection of a qualified superintendent, Executive Search Services offers an extensive and comprehensive process that guides the board through this critical

time with ease and professionalism. [Learn more »](#)

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Virtual events

Student Board Member Focus Groups

May 8 | [Register](#)

May 11 | [Register](#)

May 17 | [Register](#)

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

Sponsors



May 9-10 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

May 11-12 | [Register](#)

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

May 13 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 3: School Finance Part 1 and Part 2

May 16-17 | [Register](#)

2023 CCSA Virtual Spring Workshop

May 19 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining

May 23-24 | [Register](#)

In-person events

CSBA Roadshow

May 3 | East LA County | [Register](#)

May 8 | Central Coast | [Register](#)

June 7 | Sacramento County | [Register](#)

June 23 | Humboldt County | [Register](#)

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration

May 2 | Santa Cruz | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

May 19 | Santa Clara | [Register](#)

2023 May Delegate Assembly Meeting

May 20-21 | Sacramento | [Register](#)

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