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## May Budget Revision reveals funding cuts for TK-12



Gov. Gavin Newsom's **May Budget Revision**, released on **May 12**, reveals a budget shortfall that has grown by **\$9.5 billion** from the Governor's proposed January Budget to **\$31.5 billion**. The Governor's proposal attempts to insulate schools from the fallout by protecting recent investments and providing an **8.22 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA)**, which is appreciated. **This seemingly good news**

**is dampened by the \$4.3 billion in cuts to critical one-time grant programs that threatens to overshadow the \$3.4 billion COLA increase in the coming 2023–24 school year.**

“As the budget process advances, **CSBA will continue to advocate for restoration of this critical funding, as well as additional resources for academic interventions, supplemental services, mental health supports and infrastructure to help students rebound from the pandemic,**” said CSBA President Susan Markarian. Read Markarian’s full statement on the May Budget Revision [here](#).

In addition to a full written breakdown of the proposal [on the CSBA blog](#), CSBA’s Governmental Relations team held a webinar on May 12 analyzing the May Budget Revision. View a recording of the event [here](#). [Learn more »](#)

## Legislative update: Sponsored bills advance as Legislature takes up suspense file



Another major legislative deadline is looming on May 18 as the fiscal committees in each house consider their suspense file: a list of bills with a price tag of over \$150,000 that are considered together in order to weigh their overall fiscal impact. Suspense hearings are conducted at one time, providing a singular opportunity to address bills with significant financial price tags and even some politically difficult bills. Ultimately,

some legislation may be “held on suspense,” meaning the bill will die in the Appropriations Committee.

### Three CSBA-sponsored bills have been placed on the suspense file:

- **Assembly Bill 483 (Muratsuchi, D-Torrance):** Would increase funding for and expand access to school-based health and mental health services by improving and streamlining the Medi-Cal Local Education Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP).
- **Senate Bill 551 (Portantino, D-Glendale):** Would enhance the collaboration between county mental health agencies and school districts by requiring at least 20 percent of a county mental health board’s membership to be employed by a local educational agency and at least 20 percent to be individuals who are 25 years of age or younger, with scaled requirements based on county size.
- **SB 765 (Portantino):** Would waive the 180-day mandatory waiting period LEAs must observe before hiring a recently retired teacher and increase the maximum grant award for the Teacher Residency Grant Program from \$25,000 to \$40,000 per teaching candidate.

[Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

## Federal update: Updated guidance on late liquidation of ESSER funds





The **U.S. Department of Education** recently published updated guidance on late liquidation of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds as part of an **FAQ document**, including the second rounds of ESSER, Governors Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds and the first round of the

Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) program.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) require states to collect and review documentation regarding each late liquidation request to make sure expenditures are obligated in a timely fashion and that there is a proper justification for the request besides needing extra time, as well as an assurance that a district has been assessed for risk and will have the capacity to spend funds with an extension. **The department recommends the CRRSAA requests be submitted before Dec. 31, 2023. [Learn more »](#)**

**In other federal news:**

- On May 12, the Education Department **released updated guidance on constitutionally protected prayer and religious expression in public elementary and secondary schools. [Learn more »](#)**

## Register for webinar on managing OPEB costs, other liabilities



Learn about the latest updates from the Governor's May Budget Revision and how they may impact your school district's finances at the webinar "**Managing OPEB Costs and other Liabilities in a Tumultuous Fiscal Environment**," 2 p.m. on May 25. The

Legislative Analyst's Office has found that funding cuts could impact the fiscal future of school districts. In this webinar, discover why many local

educational agencies are countering this budgetary uncertainty by addressing their Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) to prepare for a prolonged period of economic tumult. **CSBA's Assistant Executive Director of Governmental Relations Dennis Meyers and Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Vice President Rachael Sanders will discuss how prefunding a Section 115 Trust can protect LEAs during tumultuous fiscal times, along with additional steps districts can take to reduce costs and manage reductions in funding.** The webinar will also cover information on trust funding policies and compliance, best practices for reducing costs and liabilities, early retirement incentives (SRP) and insight as to how action in Sacramento may impact these issues. **[Learn more and register »](#)**

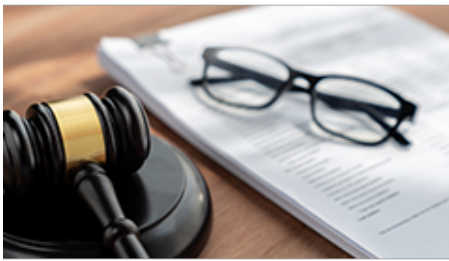
## Webinar: Unlock the Power of CSBA: Services and resources for county members



Join CSBA on May 31 at 12 p.m. for an interactive webinar to learn more about how CSBA serves its county members. This webinar is designed to provide county board members with an understanding of the unique and targeted services and resources CSBA has available. It will explore the **County Sample Policy Manual, Masters in Governance® (MIG) COE offerings, updates on current advocacy and legislation, a**

**budget update through a county lens and information on roles and responsibilities of county board members and superintendents, as well as promising practices around student board members.** The event will also give attendees a sneak peek of the 2023 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. [Learn more and register »](#)

## Read the May edition of *California School News* online



The May issue debuts CSBA's new **Strategic Priorities Plan** that will guide the association's work over the next five years, and features a quick peek at the **Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip**, with a full recap to follow in June. Also included are **details on CSBA's efforts to increase funding for cybersecurity, student health and addressing the teacher shortage through sponsored legislation; a feature on**

**Fresno Unified School District's Hmong Dual Language Immersion program in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and a recap of CSBA's recent webinar on school safety. And don't miss the CSBA Legal team's break down of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that holds that special education students who file suit under the Americans with Disabilities Act seeking monetary compensation do not first have to exhaust administrative procedures under the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act.** [Read the May issue now »](#)

## Let Total School Solutions help with your Facilities Master Plan



Do your facilities support your educational and programmatic goals? **A Facilities Master Plan provides a district with vital information regarding current and future needs for student housing, quality of existing facilities, and facilities renovation and expansion**

**requirements to meet the district's educational and programmatic goals.** The master plan also assists the district in identifying funding needs for capital improvement and developing financing options. Total School Solutions facilities master plans include accurate projections regarding enrollment, careful determination of school site capacity, educational specifications to ensure programmatic needs are served, a detailed need assessment, and conclusions and recommendations about the availability and timing of financing and funding. [Learn more »](#)

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## Virtual events

**MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration**

June 6-7 | [Register](#)

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

June 14-15 | [Register](#)

**MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining**

June 16-17 | [Register](#)

**MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration**

June 28 | [Register](#)

**Executive Assistants Certification Program — Lambda Cohort**

July 13-Nov. 9 | [Register](#)

## In-person events

**CSBA Roadshow**

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

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

Aug. 10 | Riverside/San Bernardino counties | [Register](#)

Aug. 16 | South San Diego County | [Register](#)

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