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Advocacy alert: Preserve funding for juvenile court and county community schools



The **Assembly on May 24 adopted a proposal that would endanger critically needed funding for juvenile court and county community schools in the 2023–24 budget.** The Legislature needs to hear from local education leaders to protect this important budget investment. This year, CSBA has partnered with the California County Superintendents and the Los Angeles County Office of Education to spearhead a budget request that would provide critically needed funding for juvenile court and county community schools. **The inclusion of \$80 million for these programs and an increase of the COE base grant in the Governor’s May Revision and approval of that**

proposal by the Senate was a major win for CSBA members — but the Assembly’s changes place it in jeopardy.

The Assembly proposal would make the investment contingent on adoption of increased and unspecified “accountability” requirements and push the funding out to the 2024–25 school year. Because the state’s budget shortfall continues to grow, delaying the allocation by a year effectively means this funding will not likely be realized. **CSBA is urging members to contact their legislators to ask them to reject the Assembly’s proposal and adopt the Senate’s budget proposal to fund juvenile court and county community schools, without added requirements or a delay in funding.** [Contact the Legislature now »](#)

U.S. surgeon general issues advisory on social media and youth mental health



On May 23, **U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy released a new advisory on the impact of social media use on youth mental health.** “**There is growing evidence that social media use is associated with harm to young people’s mental health,**” Murthy said. The 19-page advisory identifies youth mental health as an urgent public health issue and **offers recommendations for addressing it. It also places further attention on recently filed lawsuits** against social media companies by school districts based on the detrimental effects of social media use among youth, as reported in an article in CSBA’s upcoming June edition of *California School News*.

To safeguard the mental health and well-being of children and adolescents, the surgeon general **recommends a proactive and multifaceted approach** that involves actions by stakeholders such as policymakers, school boards, technology companies, researchers, families and young people. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

California Schools magazine available online



The spring issue of *California Schools* magazine examines some of the most pressing concerns in K-12 education, including ways **districts are responding to increasing fentanyl overdoses in schools**, cybersecurity and **preparing for and mitigating cyberattacks**, and **curbing chronic absenteeism through relationship-building**.

Also in this issue, CSBA's Legal team reviews the current status of **affirmative action and the U.S.**

Supreme Court, best practices related to **student board members**, an in-depth interview with the director of the California's Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative, Melissa Stafford Jones, and more. [Read the spring issue now »](#)

Youth mental health in 2023



May is Mental Health Awareness Month, an important reminder to acknowledge and discuss mental health to reduce stigma, increase access, and improve child and adolescent well-being. **As evidenced by a recent CSBA survey, student mental health is important to CSBA members, who identified it as one of their top concerns.** This priority is featured prominently in findings from [CSBA's COVID funding report series](#).

In a blog post, **CSBA Education Policy Analyst Angela Asch examines the current landscape of youth mental health both nationally and in California**, revealing troubling increases mental health issues, including in youth suicide rates. One way to begin reversing these grim statistics is through **building caring school cultures where youth feel safe and supported**. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

Nominations open for CSBA Golden Awards



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 Awards** recognize both an individual board member and governance team who exemplify best practices in effective governance and boardsmanship. The 2022 honoree for **Board Member of the Year** was **Petaluma City**

School's Board President **Joanna Paun**, a passionate advocate for equity and strengthening student voice. The inaugural **Governance Team of the Year award** honored the **Encinitas Union School District Board of Education**, who focus on the whole child, equity and aligning governance team practice to facilitate the vision and goals adopted by the district and its community. [Learn more and make a nomination »](#)

Federal update: Education Department releases resources on combating antisemitism



To support the Biden Administration's launch of the U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism, **the Department of Education launched its Antisemitism Awareness Campaign**. As part of this campaign, the department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) released a **Dear Colleague letter** reminding schools of their **legal obligations under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) to**

provide all students, including students who are or are perceived to be Jewish, a school environment free from discrimination based on race, color, or national origin, including shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics, or citizenship or residency in a country with a dominant religion or religious identity. **"Schools must take immediate and appropriate action to respond to harassment that creates a hostile environment,"** the letter states.

In other federal news:

- The U.S. Departments of Education and Justice **jointly released a "Resource on Confronting Racial Discrimination in Student Discipline,"** which **provides examples of the departments' investigations of such discrimination over the last 10 years**, the continuing urgency of assuring nondiscrimination in student discipline in the nation's schools and demonstrates ways school districts can take steps to proactively improve their administration of student discipline.

Convert property ownership into an active asset

**Property
Planning**
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Property Planning Solutions by DCG Strategies aims to **help school leaders explore the ways in which their real estate assets can be leveraged to secure additional funding for district initiatives, equip students with the education and experiences they need to be successful, invest in deferred facilities maintenance and capital improvements, reduce cost and liability from holding closed or grossly underutilized**

sites, bolster general fund reserves and even attract new staff. School leaders and board members can gain access to real estate experts that work to align a local educational agency's priorities with the realities of the real estate market. Services include real estate consulting, property planning, strategic asset management, educator housing development and real property brokerage services. [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. 12 | West Los Angeles County | [Register](#)
Aug. 16 | South San Diego County | [Register](#)

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