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Election update: Proposition 2



Proposition 2, the statewide bond measure to help fund the repair, modernization and construction of local school facilities, passed by a comfortable 58.1 percent to 41.9 percent margin in the Nov. 5 election. The result came as a huge relief to local educational agencies given that final polling cast the future of the ballot measure in doubt. Yet, on Election Day, Californians emphatically approved the \$10 billion

measure to pay for critical upgrades at the state's TK-12 schools and community colleges. **The support of LEA board members was an important factor in producing such a decisive result in favor of Prop 2.**

Prop 2, the Kindergarten through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public

Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024, **will generate \$8.5 billion to fund facilities improvements at California's TK-12 public schools** and another \$1.5 billion for facilities upgrades at the state's community colleges. The funds help renovate aging buildings, upgrade campuses, construct new classrooms, reduce the impact of extreme weather conditions, identify and reduce lead in the water, improve ventilation, increase energy efficiency, build career and technical education (CTE) facilities and establish assistance programs for small, rural and low-wealth school districts. Specifically, funds will be allocated in this manner:

- \$3.3 billion for new construction
- \$4 billion for modernization
- \$600 million for CTE
- \$600 million for charter schools

The **state bond will provide matching funds for school facilities and reduce the amount of local tax dollars needed to finance construction projects for LEAs**. Prop 2 also includes public accountability and transparency provisions to help the public track the use of the bond funds. CSBA will keep members informed on implementation of the bond application and allocation process.

Federal update: National Center on School Infrastructure launch



The **National Center on School Infrastructure (NCSI) website**, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and based at the University of California, Berkeley, is now live. This resource hub will support the stewardship of the nation's public school facilities by providing a **clearinghouse of resources for states and school districts related to improving and developing safe, healthy, sustainable and equitable public school infrastructure**. NCSI will also provide technical assistance to **Supporting America's School Infrastructure (SASI) grantees and high-need districts seeking to leverage resources** to improve public school facilities for all students.

Other federal news:

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture released a **memo** on Nov. 1 emphasizing that, beginning in school year 2027–28, students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits will not be charged fees along with the cost of the meal, which includes fees for using electronic payment services.

Register now for CSBA's behavioral threat assessment webinar



Join CSBA at noon on Nov. 21 for a webinar on behavioral threat assessment featuring leaders from Sweetwater Union High School District and the FBI. For school board members, understanding behavioral threat assessment is crucial to enhancing school safety and preventing violence. Behavioral threat

assessment is a proactive, evidence-based process that involves identifying, assessing and

managing threats before they result in violence. Panelists will share their behavioral threat assessment team, practices and community partnership and answer audience questions.

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CSBA's 2024 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in Anaheim from Dec. 5-7 is just around the corner! **Download the app and start planning your schedule, find directions and shuttle info, connect with fellow attendees** and more. Download the AEC app by searching for "Cvent Events" in the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Android Play](#) store and **follow these instructions to log in**. Contact aec@csba.org

for more information.

Not interested in downloading the app? [View the online schedule here](#). After entering your first name, last name and email address, a verification code will be sent to your email. Enter the code and continue to the online version.

BuyBoard Spotlight: Musical instruments, equipment, supplies and repair



This month, CSBA is highlighting school musical instruments and supplies available from BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative vendors used by local educational agencies across California. The rigorous criteria of both CSBA and BuyBoard ensure that these vendors meet high expectations for quality and service. Musical instruments, equipment, supplies and repair for classrooms have been competitively procured by BuyBoard,

saving districts valuable time and resources. **BuyBoard local educational agency members can purchase a wide variety of musical instruments for band and**

orchestra, accessories such as sheet music and musical equipment, as well as instrument rentals from a wide selection of awarded vendors, such as West Music Company, Guitar Center Stores, Inc. and The Woodwind and Brasswind.

For more information about the procurement of school musical instruments, equipment, supplies and repair, as well as a long list of other contract categories, please reach out to Doug Williams at douglas.williams@buyboard.com or 425-260-4423. [Learn more »](#)

Expert MAA and LEA billing assistance



Student-centered services and medical care in the school setting are pivotal to student success.

Practi-Cal offers the most comprehensive Medi-Cal and Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAA) billing services available to local educational agencies. Its broad range of expertise allows it to **identify areas of reimbursement often overlooked by others and simplifies the complicated billing process,**

while minimizing your efforts — all with no up-front costs to the district. [Learn more »](#)

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Jan. 13 | [Register](#)

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Jan. 15-16 | [Register](#)

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Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

Nov. 18 | Downey | 1:30 p.m. | [Register](#)

Nov. 18 | Downey | 5 p.m. | [Register](#)

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**Masters in Governance Course 1:
Effective Governance/Setting Direction**

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