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Governor announces changes to Prop 98 funding maneuver in response to CSBA advocacy



On May 28, Gov. Gavin Newsom's Administration revealed elements of proposed changes to his Proposition 98 "funding maneuver" that appear responsive to many of the requests and criticisms made by CSBA since the Governor's January Budget Proposal

that were reinforced after the May Revise. It's important to note that **the issue of the Prop 98 maneuver, its constitutionality and other questions have yet to be resolved; however, these adjustments, particularly the classification of funds as Prop 98 or non-Prop 98 dollars, are a significant step in the right direction** as negotiations continue.

CSBA will withhold final judgment until it is able to review the proposal in full; however, changes that reflect many of the requests from the association's January budget letter, as well as its criticism of the May Revise, are now on the table.

In the meantime, **CSBA advocacy must continue**. To date, in under 10 days, school district and county board members have responded to CSBA's [call to action](#) and generated more than 25,000 emails to the Governor and key members of the Legislature. [In this brief video message](#), CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy urges **CSBA members to keep the pressure on the Newsom Administration and the Legislature to protect the integrity of Prop 98** and preserve approximately \$15 billion in funds schools would lose over the next three fiscal years if the state budget includes the unconstitutional maneuver. [Learn more »](#)

New CSBA documents on LEA reporting requirements and late start implementation available



Districts and county offices of education throughout California face an ever-growing list of mandated state and federal reports, data submissions and planning documents. **Although individual reports may not present an undue burden, the cumulative impact draws resources away from critical tasks and responsibilities among staff, especially in smaller districts and COEs.** CSBA's [Drowning](#)

[in Documentation](#) provides a sampling of the plethora of reports local educational agencies must submit. **CSBA co-sponsored Senate Bill 1315 would require the California Department of Education to produce a report on the number of state and federal reports required of LEAs in an effort to identify those that could potentially be consolidated or eliminated** — helping LEAs free up time and resources to support students. The bill passed out of the Senate on May 23.

In a separate document, [“The impact of an unfunded mandate implementation: Findings from a CSBA study on ‘late start,’”](#) CSBA's Research and Education Policy Development team **examined the impact of SB 328, which mandated later school start times for middle and high schools.** CSBA opposed the bill, arguing that it unnecessarily encroached on local control and that it was a one-size-fits-all approach in a diverse state. **This new fact sheet outlines findings related to how implementation of the bill has impacted instructional minutes, transportation, staffing and more.**

County-specific Region 14 created to further represent COEs in the CSBA Delegate Assembly



At the May meeting of **CSBA's Delegate Assembly**, **Delegates voted to approve Bylaw language to create a new statewide, county-specific region, Region 14**. Going forward, all county Delegates will continue to serve in their existing geographic region under the leadership of the regional director and will also serve in the new statewide Region 14, which is made up of all 58 counties. **Region 14**

will have the opportunity to caucus to provide space for county-specific issues to be discussed. Raquel Maden, CSBA senior director of external affairs, will serve as the Region 14 PACER (Public Affairs and Community Engagement Representative).

Nominations are now open for the County Region 14 Director through June 19, 2024. After the close of the nomination window, pursuant to the process in the Bylaws for filling director vacancies, CSBA President Albert Gonzalez will appoint the Region 14 Director and the CSBA Board of Directors will convene a special meeting to ratify the appointment. The Region 14 Director will serve on the Board of Directors until the position is up for election in December 2024. Thereafter, the Region 14 Director will be up for re-election in even-numbered years. The Director-at-Large, County, position will continue to serve on the Board of Directors and be elected in even-numbered years.

State update: California Schoolyard Tree Canopy Equity Study



The California Department of Education **released the first comprehensive study to map tree canopy coverage at all public preK–12 school campuses in the state**. The **California Schoolyard Tree Canopy Equity Study** was conducted by Green Schoolyards America in an effort to better understand existing conditions, establish a baseline from which to measure change over time and identify priorities for the

California Schoolyard Forest System — a statewide initiative founded by Green Schoolyards America in collaboration with the CDE, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and Ten Strands. Due to the fact that **children spend the majority of their outside time on paved land that lacks tree canopy, millions of students are exposed to unhealthy high temperatures on a regular basis, according to the findings**. Such harsh conditions are widespread and amplify the impacts of the climate crisis on young people — particularly in communities that serve more **low-income youth and children of color**. Local educational agencies are encouraged to explore the map to gain insights into tree canopies in their local communities and across

the state.

Federal update: Funds available to develop student-support hubs



The U.S. Department of Education is **inviting applications for the Comprehensive Centers Program**, which supports the creation of centers to provide services to state, regional and local educational agencies and schools in order to **boost educational opportunities and outcomes, close achievement gaps and improve the quality of instruction for students**. Centers should focus on students

from low-income families and those attending schools implementing comprehensive support and improvement or additional targeted support and improvement activities. **Applications are due by June 24. [Learn more »](#)**

Nominations open for 2025 CSBA Officers



The CSBA Candidate Review Committee encourages CSBA members to participate **in this year's election process for the offices of CSBA Vice President and President-elect**. **Nomination forms must be received by CSBA no later than Monday, June 3**. Those candidates who have received three (3) separate nomination forms will have until Wednesday, July 10, to submit a formal Declaration of Candidacy packet. The first round

of candidate interviews is currently scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024. **Nomination forms and additional information about the nomination process and candidate evaluation criteria are available at www.csba.org/OfficerElections.**

Upcoming state budget workshops



CSBA is co-sponsoring a series of in-person Budget Perspectives Workshops in partnership with Capitol Advisors that **will focus on a detailed breakdown of the May Revise**.

Workshops will be **held at county offices of education across the state through June 5**.

[Register here »](#)

Join CSBA Chief of Governmental Relations Patrick O'Donnell and/or CSBA Legislative Director Chris Reeve at the following

stops: Fresno (May 28), Stanislaus (May 28), Los Angeles (May 28), Imperial (May 28), Ventura (May 28), Madera (May 29), Merced (May 29) San Joaquin (May 30), Santa Cruz (May 30), Sutter (June 3), Butte (June 4), Humboldt (June 4) and Tehama (June 5).

LexisNexis can help LEAs navigate legal issues board members face



CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services team has partnered with LexisNexis® to publish the **2022 edition of *California Education Laws and Regulations*** — a legal reference for CSBA members, school administrators, education attorneys and K-12 educational professionals throughout California. From a legal perspective, the world of education is complicated and **governing boards deal with everything from curriculum, special education, facilities and finance to torts, discrimination and the Family Medical Leave Act. LexisNexis can help LEAs navigate the entire range of legal issues that board members face. [Learn more »](#)**

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Virtual events

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration
June 12-13 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistant Omicron: Understanding Culture 1A/1B
July 18-19 | [Register](#)

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158
June 20 | [Register](#)
July 23 | [Register](#)
Aug. 14 | [Register](#)
Oct. 10 | [Register](#)

In-person events

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158
June 11, 1:30 p.m. | Lancaster | [Register](#)
June 11, 6 p.m. | Lancaster | [Register](#)

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Conference

Sept. 13-15 | Monterey | [Register](#)

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