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CSBA launches *Safe Schools Toolkit*



School safety is complex work requiring the implementation of various strategies and collaborative efforts from all partners — boards of education, administrators, teachers, parents, law enforcement and the wider community. The most effective approaches to creating safe and supportive school environments demonstrate a comprehensive, coordinated effort guided by values and policy established at the board level. To aid in this multifaceted work, **CSBA's Research and Education Policy Development team has created the *Safe Schools Toolkit* for governance teams to**

support this essential work and help boards make timely and informed decisions on school safety policies, practices and procedures.

The *Safe Schools Toolkit* includes new and updated school safety terminology, information about the current human-caused threats to safety and up-to-date resources for local educational agencies to use when implementing policies and procedures. **The toolkit is divided into easily accessible, individual sections addressing** a positive school climate, comprehensive school safety plans, bullying and cyberbullying, impacts of safety threats, behavioral threat assessment, infrastructure planning, options-based responses to armed assailants, sexual violence and harassment, alcohol and illicit drugs and crisis communications. [Access the toolkit »](#)

Legislative update: CSBA opposes one-size-fits-all approach in bills addressing labor issues



A major theme among the bills CSBA is tracking is a one-size-fits-all approach to local educational agency labor policies. Most notable is [Assembly Bill 2088](#) (McCarty, D-Sacramento), which would require LEAs to hire existing part-time employees when hiring for open classified positions before making it available to the public. The bill includes a provision that the position must be offered to a

classified employee who meets the minimum job qualifications of the position and would additionally require LEAs to provide reasonable modifications to work schedules to allow the employee to work both assignments. CSBA was critical in helping to get a similar bill, AB 1699, vetoed last year.

CSBA is strongly opposed to AB 2088 — which would override local control, existing hiring and promotional practices, and locally established recruitment processes — and continues to advocate that the question of internal candidate preferences and hiring processes should be left to the local bargaining table.

CSBA is also opposing other bills that take a similar prescriptive approach:

- [AB 2557](#) (Ortega, D-Hayward) would require LEAs to follow numerous and problematic requirements when seeking to contract for services that have been provided by unionized employees. Among the many problems with this measure, it requires LEAs to give written notice to the union explaining and justifying the contract to the union, which must include the length of the contract and its impact on union employees.
- [AB 2421](#) (Low, D-Santa Clara) would prohibit LEAs from questioning any employee or employee representative regarding communications made in confidence between the two relating to any personnel matter that could be subject to the LEA's collective bargaining agreement. In doing so, it would effectively create a protected privilege between the employee and his/her union representative.

Read CSBA's July newsletter online



The latest edition of *California School News* reviews the **final state budget deal that largely responds to CSBA's advocacy** to protect the integrity of Prop 98, provides resources from the Research and Education Policy Development team on the **reporting requirements drowning many local educational agencies, results from a member survey on the effects of the state's "late start" law** and tips on **collective**

bargaining in tough financial times. Other articles highlight how CSBA advocacy is helping relieve the teacher shortage and policy updates on Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act. [Read the issue »](#)

Master the skills you need to succeed as a board member with MIG



CSBA's **Masters in Governance® (MIG)** series is the premier board member professional development program in the state, ensuring school board members have the knowledge, skills and tools necessary to effectively serve their communities and lead their local educational agencies toward excellence. MIG consists of five courses covering essential topics

such as governance and leadership, fiscal accountability, student learning and achievement, and effective board and superintendent relations.

In-person regional trainings Aug. 24 at the Ventura County Office of Education and Sept. 21 at the Tulare County Office of Education. A virtual option is also available beginning Aug. 26. Receive a 15 percent discount when you purchase all five MIG courses at once. [Learn more and register »](#)

Eligible candidates determined for CSBA office



Pursuant to CSBA Bylaws, Article V, Section 2, and Standing Rule 222 (C)(9), the Declaration of Candidacy Packets submitted on or before July 10, 2024, were deemed complete and the following candidates are eligible for candidacy. **Office of President-elect:** Debra Schade, Solana Beach SD. **Office of Vice President:** David Gracia, Napa Valley USD, and Sabrena Rodriguez, Ventura USD.

Federal update: FCC approves rules to support WiFi hotspots through E-Rate program



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) **voted on July 18 approved final rules** to support students, school staff and library patrons around the country without internet access. **Now, schools and libraries will be able to utilize E-Rate resources to loan out WiFi hotspots to individuals without a reliable connection at home.** The new rules come with safeguards to ensure the supported hotspots and services are

used for educational purposes, protect students by requiring compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act and adopt a budget mechanism that sets a limit on the amount of support that an applicant can request for hotspots and services over a three-year period. [Learn more »](#)

Maximize your budget, lower administrative costs and streamline the procurement process



Since 1998, BuyBoard has been providing local educational agencies with increased purchasing power, lower administrative costs and compliance with legal requirements. **BuyBoard vendors have been awarded contracts for products and services through a competitive procurement process, thereby giving members the opportunity for bulk discounts, combined with the ease of online shopping.** Find everything

from classroom teaching aid supplies and equipment and furniture to custodial supplies and equipment or field lighting products. [Learn more »](#)

Stay up to date with the latest news and resources on the [CSBA blog](#).

Virtual events

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

Aug. 14 | [Register](#)

Oct. 10 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistant Omicron: Governance 2A/2B

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

**Student Board Member Training:
Navigating Roles, Governance, and Legal
Compliance**

Aug. 19 | [Register](#)

**MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective
Governance/Setting Direction**

Aug. 26-Oct. 7 | [Register](#)

**Student Board Member Training:
Mastering Meeting Protocol and
Stakeholder Engagement**

Sept. 9 | [Register](#)

**Executive Assistant Omicron: Job
Mechanics 3A/23B**

Sept. 12-13 | [Register](#)

In-person events

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

Aug. 17 | Tulare | [Register](#)

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

Aug. 24 | Ventura | [Register](#)

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

Sept. 7 | Ventura | [Register](#)

**California School Board Ethics Pre-
Conference Training**

Sept. 12 | Monterey | [Register](#)

**Key Elements of the Brown Act Pre-
Conference Training**

Sept. 12 | Monterey | [Register](#)

**CSBA County Board Member Services
Conference**

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

MIG Course 1

Sept. 21 | Tulare | [Register](#)