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## Legislative update: Urge Gov. Newsom to veto AB 2088



Last week, **CSBA** initiated an **Action Alert** calling upon school board members and educational leaders across the state to urge Gov. Gavin Newsom to veto **Assembly Bill 2088** (McCarty, D-Sacramento). **AB 2088** would force local educational agencies to offer an open part-time or full-time position to existing classified staff first, regardless of their past job performance and whether they are the best

**qualified.** This one-size-fits-all approach would eviscerate school board authority and worsen the state's educational workforce shortages.

A school board's authority to hire candidates who meet the needs of their students and that of their community is sacred. **It is imperative that Gov. Newsom hears from as many LEA leaders as possible to urge him to veto AB 2088.** [Send an email to the Governor »](#)

## Federal update: FCC announces application window for the K-12 Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity pilot



On Sept. 4, the **Federal Communications Commission (FCC)** published a **public notice** announcing the application period and process for the new **\$200 million Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program**. Schools, libraries and consortia of schools and libraries that meet the **E-Rate Program's eligibility requirements** may apply to participate in the pilot program, but applicants do not need to be a current or former E-Rate Program participant to do so.

Local educational agencies will be eligible to receive up to \$13.60 per student annually, on a pre-discount basis, to purchase eligible cybersecurity services and equipment over the three-year pilot duration, with minimum annual funding of \$15,000 and maximum annual funding of \$1.5 million. **Eligible services and equipment include advanced/next generation firewalls; endpoint protection; identity protection and authentication; monitoring, detection and response; and basic training related to installation.** The application window opens **Sept. 17** and closes **Nov. 1 at 11:59 p.m. ET.** [Learn more »](#)

## Suicide Prevention Month resources



Research has found that youth who experience bullying and/or cyberbullying may be more at risk for suicidal thoughts. **In recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month, Angela Asch, CSBA principal research manager and author of the *Safe Schools Toolkit* section on **bullying and cyberbullying**, provides insights to help local educational agencies support young people.**

This Q&A explores common forms of bullying and cyberbullying and how can they impact young people; identifies some of the most vulnerable student groups; details other common factors that can lead young people to thoughts of suicide and/or self-harm; outlines resources available to support students' mental health; and provides preventative measures governance teams can take to support students year-round. [Read the Q&A »](#)

The **California Department of Education** also provided a **list of resources for LEAs**

in a [letter](#) from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and announced a [Sept. 19 webinar](#) during which experts will share strategies and resources for suicide prevention. [Register for the webinar](#) | [Read the letter](#)

## Last call for student board members to lead sessions at AEC



**Student board members attending the 2024 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show (AEC) from Dec. 5-7 in Anaheim are invited to submit a proposal and lead a workshop session.** AEC offers a unique platform for student trustees to share their invaluable insights, experiences and innovative ideas that can shape the future of education. Students' firsthand experience with the current educational

landscape provides them with a unique vantage point that can contribute to meaningful discussions and solutions. **All trustees should encourage their student board member to voice their ideas and engage with fellow students, educators and trustees in a collaborative and impactful environment at AEC.**

**Proposals related to this year's conference strands are being accepted through Sept. 13.** To participate, complete the submission form [here](#). **Collaborating with fellow students or local board members to enhance presentations is encouraged.** Need assistance with your proposal or looking for a co-presenter? Feel free to reach out to the AEC team at [aec@csba.org](mailto:aec@csba.org) for guidance and support. [Learn more »](#)

## State update: Southeast Asia model curricula available



The California Department of Education's Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Division on Sept. 6 **released the Cambodian American Studies, Hmong History and Cultural Studies and Vietnamese American Experiences model curricula.** Announced in partnership

with the Orange County Department of Education, the three Southeast Asia model curricula were developed in response to Assembly Bill 167 (2021) and Senate Bill 369 (2023). The **model curricula include lesson plans, primary source documents, instructional and planning tools, teaching strategies and professional development resources.** [Learn more about the curricula development on the CSBA blog »](#)

BuyBoard spotlight: Furniture for schools, libraries and

more



School furniture is 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. **Furniture for schools, libraries, offices and science classrooms have been competitively procured by BuyBoard, saving districts valuable time and resources.**

BuyBoard members can purchase a **wide variety of furniture, from classroom items like tables and chairs and desks, to auditorium seating, lockers and science and modular seating** from a vast selection of awarded vendors, such as **Demco, Hertz Furniture and School Outfitters**. For more information about the procurement of school furniture or any other products your LEA needs, reach out to Doug Williams at [douglas.williams@buyboard.com](mailto:douglas.williams@buyboard.com) or 425-260-4423.

## Districts can diversify investments with OPEB Solutions Program



The OPEB Solutions Program is a full-service GASB-compliant, IRS-approved **trust program designed to help local educational agencies safely and securely set aside funds to address and lower their Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability**. This program gives districts local control of assets, providing LEAs with the flexibility to make contributions as deemed appropriate and the ability to access and withdraw funds to pay for OPEB expenses at any time. [Learn more »](#)

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

### Virtual events

**CCSA Virtual Fall Workshop**  
Sept. 20 | [Register](#)

**Student Board Member Networking Call**  
Sept. 23 | [Register](#)

**Masters in Governance Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review**

### Sponsors



Oct. 2-3 | [Register](#)

**Ethics Assembly Bill 2158**

Oct. 10 | [Register](#)

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

Oct. 14 | [Register](#)

**Executive Assistant**

**Omicron: Governance Integration**

Oct. 18 | [Register](#)

**Masters in Governance Course 3: School  
Finance**

Oct. 23-24 | [Register](#)

## In-person events

**CSBA County Board Member Services  
Conference**

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

**Masters in Governance Course 3: School  
Finance**

Sept. 28 | Ventura | [Register](#)

**The Brown Act**

Oct. 18 | West Sacramento | [Register](#)

**Small School District Financial Workshop**

Oct. 19 | Camino | [Register](#)

**Masters in Governance Course 4: Human  
Resources/Collective Bargaining**

Oct. 19 | Ventura | [Register](#)

**What Board Presidents and Executive  
Assistants Need to Know About the  
Brown Act**

Oct. 22 | Redding | [Register](#)



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