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Legislative update: CSBA member advocacy makes the difference



In a clear demonstration of how **CSBA advocacy influences important legislative matters**, Gov. Gavin Newsom took action on two CSBA priority bills on Sept. 22 by vetoing **Assembly Bill 2088** (McCarty, D-Sacramento) and signing into law CSBA co-sponsored legislation **Senate Bill 1315** (Archuleta, D-Pico Rivera). CSBA advocacy was critical in the Governor's veto of AB 1699, a similar bill from last year, and again played a crucial role in helping to assure its veto this year. AB 2088 would have forced school districts and county offices of education to hire existing classified staff for open positions without considering if they are well qualified for the position or their past job performance and would have fundamentally struck at the heart of local control.

In another win for CSBA's advocacy, **the Governor signed SB 1315, which is a product of direct membership input.** Co-sponsored with the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO), it will require the California Department of Education to document and report to the Legislature the number of state and federally mandated reports districts and COEs must submit. **The goal is to identify where information could be consolidated, and which reports could be eliminated — helping schools free more time and resources to provide for the needs of California's students.**

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Read the September issue of *California School News*



The September edition of CSBA's monthly newsletter features tips for working with your local representatives while the Legislature is adjourned, an election season primer on **Senate Bill 1439 and campaign contributions, CSBA's lead role in the California Department of Education's housing summit** and a national call to **reduce chronic absenteeism.** The issue also highlights an exemplary program in the Coachella Valley that is launching students into STEM fields for **National Hispanic Heritage Month**, a Q&A on **bullying prevention** with CSBA Principal Research Manager Angela Asch and reports on the U.S. Surgeon General's **declaration of gun violence as a public health crisis.**

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Federal update: Congress must take action by Oct. 1 to avoid government shutdown



On Oct. 1, the new federal fiscal year begins — and Congress has not yet approved a federal budget for FY 2025–26. **Without passage of a budget or a continuing resolution (CR), the federal government will face a shutdown beginning Oct 1.** The House of Representatives had proposed a six-month CR until March 28, 2025, that also included provisions of the SAVE Act ([HR 8281](#)), which would require individuals to provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship in order to register to vote in federal elections. The CR was taken up on the House Floor last week and failed on a vote of 202-222.

On Sept. 22, House leadership introduced an alternate CR that would extend federal funding to Dec. 20, 2024. This would be a “clean” CR with a couple of additions, including funding for the Secret Service to provide increased protections to presidential candidates and language to allow some agencies broader access to their funding in order to address current shortfalls. **The House is scheduled to vote on the measure on Sept. 25 with the Senate vote to follow either Sept. 26 or 27. Congress only has five days**

remaining in which to act before the new fiscal year begins. Upon passage of the CR, Congress is expected to adjourn for the election period.

In other federal news:

- Applications are open for the **U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools** (ED-GRS) recognition award, which honors schools, school districts and institutes of higher education for excellence in resource efficiency, health and wellness, and environmental and sustainability education. [Learn more and apply »](#)

Help students claim their share of \$1.9 billion in CalKIDS scholarships



School districts across California have an unprecedented opportunity to **help students claim their share of \$1.9 billion in CalKIDS scholarships**. Administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board, **CalKIDS creates accounts with \$500–\$1,500 for millions of low-income students in California**. Local educational agencies can **support students this back-to-school season through CalKIDS by making the**

Statewide Student Identifier (SSID) accessible for students, which is used for checking eligibility, hosting an informational webinar and more. [Learn more and share resources »](#)

Convert property ownership into an active asset

**Property
Planning**
Solutions



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 »](#)

resources on the [CSBA blog](#).

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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](#)

Student Board Member Networking Call

Nov. 4 | [Register](#)

In-person events

The Brown Act

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

Small School District Financial Workshop

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

Nov. 2 | San Jose | [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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