



September 4, 2024

### *In this Issue*

- [Legislative update: Legislature wraps up the two-year 2023–24 legislative session](#)
- [CSBA releases Education Workforce Housing: Myths and Facts](#)
- [CSBA trainings can upgrade your governance skills](#)
- [Commission on Teacher Credentialing provides updates on Literacy Performance Assessment](#)
- [What's Your Why? with Redwood City ESD's Cecilia Márquez](#)
- [CDE's back-to-school webinars provide roundup of requirements](#)
- [Save with the GO Bond Refunding Pool](#)

## Legislative update: Legislature wraps up the two-year 2023–24 legislative session



Ending at midnight on Aug. 31, the State Legislature adjourned the 2023–24 session. Although it adjourned, the Legislature's final day will be Nov. 30, when the current two-year session officially ends.

**CSBA's remaining two sponsored bills to help address the administrative burdens many local educational agencies face and to strengthen the process for students to pursue dual enrollment opportunities with local**

community colleges passed with wide bipartisan support and are awaiting the Governor's signature. The two CSBA-sponsored bills are:

- **Senate Bill 1244** (Newman, D-Fullerton): This bill would **create a process for school districts to initiate dual enrollment programs with a neighboring community college district** when an agreement cannot be reached with a home community college district, thereby fostering greater flexibility in meeting the educational needs of students statewide. CSBA co-sponsored this legislation with the California High School District Coalition.
- **SB 1315** (Archuleta, D-Pico Rivera): This legislation would **require the California Department of Education to biannually report the total number of reports, scope of reports and costs associated with submitting each report** to the Governor and Legislature. CSBA co-sponsored this legislation with the California Association of School Business Association.

**The Governor has until midnight on Sept. 30 to sign or veto legislation.** Any measures not officially acted upon by the Governor will automatically become law. CSBA will continue to keep members informed on gubernatorial actions in the coming weeks. In addition to CSBA's sponsored bills, other education measures advanced to the Governor's desk. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

## CSBA releases Education Workforce Housing: Myths and Facts



On Aug. 14, [CSBA led a breakout session on creating education workforce housing \(EWH\) and its relationship to school employee recruitment and retainment](#) at the California Department of Education's Housing Summit. Housing affordability is one of the main barriers to attracting and retaining great teachers and staff across California. During the session, audience members requested a document they could use to

combat myths about EWH.

In response, **CSBA has created "Education Workforce Housing in California: Myths and Facts" to allow local educational agencies to demonstrate the benefits of EWH and dispel myths**, such as "There's no evidence that building education workforce housing improves staff retention and recruitment," (there is) and "Building education workforce housing takes money away from the classroom and employee compensation," (different funding is used). [View EWH myths and facts »](#)

## CSBA trainings can upgrade your governance skills



Back to school isn't just for students — check out upcoming CSBA governance trainings to sharpen your leadership skills and learn how to best



support students. Accomplished school trustees are lifelong learners, dedicated to acquiring the skills needed to serve students, staff and stakeholders with distinction. Trainings are offered virtually and in person.

**Masters in Governance®:** CSBA's flagship professional development program covers essential topics such as governance and leadership, fiscal accountability, student learning and achievement, and effective board and superintendent relations.

- Virtual sessions begin Sept. 18-19 | [Register](#)
- In-person sessions:
  - Sept. 21 in Tulare | [Register](#)
  - Sept. 28 in Ventura | [Register](#)

**Small School District Financial Workshop:** Small school districts trustees have a unique perspective when setting budget priorities and making financial decisions. The goal of this course is for participants to understand the board's role in aligning board policies and administrative regulations in addition to the approval of required plans and applications. Courses are in person.

- Oct 19 in El Dorado County | [Register](#)
- Nov. 2 in Santa Clara County | [Register](#)

## Commission on Teacher Credentialing provides updates on Literacy Performance Assessment



The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing met on Aug. 29-30, with the second day spent in closed session to discuss a pending legal case. Much of the Aug. 29 agenda focused on **progress related to pilot testing and other items associated with the upcoming Literacy Performance Assessment (LPA)**, which will replace the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) beginning July 1, 2025, per

**Senate Bill 488**. Also discussed was the new workgroup established to review all Teaching Performance Assessments (TPAs), as directed by **SB 1263**.

Spring pilot testing for the LPA was successful, with 213 out of 218 scorable candidates passing with an average rate of 97 percent. Waivers were discussed for candidates participating in the next level of field testing, as well as alternative assessments for current teaching program participants. **The LPA will launch on July 1, 2025. [Read more about the meeting »](#)**

## What's Your Why? with Redwood City ESD's Cecilia

## Márquez



In CSBA's latest "What's Your Why?" video, **Redwood City Elementary School District board member Cecilia Márquez** said her "why" was to give back to the community that raised her.

"What's Your Why?" is a series of video vignettes featuring school district and county office of education board members describing why they

became trustees and why they continue to serve California public schools. [View Márquez's and other videos from the "What's Your Why?" series »](#)

## CDE's back-to-school webinars provide roundup of requirements



The California Department of Education's Office of School Based Health Programs recently hosted a webinar focused on **providing information to local educational agencies on California Education Code requirements for return to school and resources to support the physical, mental and social well-being of school communities for the 2024–25 school year.**

Topics covered included parent/guardian

notifications — highlighting new requirements such as the inclusion of an anti-discrimination policy — and student health and well-being resources. [Learn more on the CSBA blog »](#)

Another CDE webinar covered the **recent changes to the state's Education Code and legislative updates related to school safety, including the new requirements in Comprehensive School Safety Plans** for incorporating procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents, including incidents involving firearms on campuses or at school-related events, and opioid overdose response protocols. [Learn more »](#)

## Save with the GO Bond Refunding Pool



For more than 30 years, California school districts and community college districts have **saved time and money by issuing tax and revenue anticipation notes (TRANS) through the California School Cash Reserve Program Authority sponsored by CSBA and the California Association of School Business Officials**, the largest pooled TRAN financing in the nation. The GO Bond Refunding Pool follows

in this tradition by allowing districts to unlock taxpayer savings by driving down costs through an easy-to-use shared financing platform. [Learn more »](#)

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

## Virtual events

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

Sept. 9 | [Register](#)

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

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

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

Sept. 18-19 | [Register](#)

**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**

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](#)

**The Brown Act**

Oct. 18 | [Register](#)

## Sponsors



## In-person events

### **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](#)

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

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

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

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

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

Oct. 5 | Tulare | [Register](#)

### **Small School District Financial Workshop**

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

[View complete calendar](#)