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Action Alert: Urge the Governor to sign AB 1224, CSBA's substitute teacher bill



Take action now to **call upon Gov. Gavin Newsom to sign Assembly Bill 1224 — a measure co-sponsored by CSBA**, the Association of California School Administrators, the California County Superintendents and the California Association of School Business Officials — **that would temporarily extend the time period a substitute teacher may serve in a classroom from 30 to 60 days when there is no**

credentialed teacher available.

California continues to face an unprecedented teacher shortage. **Current law only allows substitutes to teach for 30 days in general education and 20 days in special education classrooms, causing frequent turnover, disrupting instructional continuity and impacting student academic achievement.** AB 1224 recognizes the impact multiple substitutes has on students and seeks to temporarily extend the time limit to 60 days for a period of three years. **AB 1224 is a much-needed measure to help improve educational outcomes for students.** [Contact Gov. Newsom now »](#)

State update: Governor signs laws related to immigration enforcement at schools



On Sept. 20, the California Department of Education (CDE) **announced** that **Gov. Gavin Newsom signed [Assembly Bill 49](#) (Muratsuchi, D-Torrance) and [Senate Bill 98](#) (Pérez, D-Pasadena), two pieces of legislation related to immigration enforcement activities on school campuses.** According to the [CDE press release](#), AB 49 prohibits local educational agencies from allowing immigration authorities to

enter a nonpublic area of a schoolsite without being presented with a valid judicial warrant, judicial subpoena or a court order, or unless required by state or federal law, and SB 98 requires communication to students, families, school staff and other school community members if an immigration enforcement agent is present on a schoolsite.

By March 1, 2026, LEAs “are required to have updated local policies in alignment with guidance from the Attorney General” and make them available to the CDE. The department also introduced the toolkit, “[Our Schools: Resources for Including Immigrant Families](#),” which includes public-facing posters and informational cards that explain schools’ legal duty to give all children access to education and a safe learning environment no matter their immigration status. [View the toolkit »](#)

Legal update: *McPherson v. Jurupa USD*



On Sept. 9, **three female student athletes filed a lawsuit against the Jurupa Unified School District, the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), arguing violations of Title IX, the Equal Protection Clause and the Free Speech and Free Exercise Clauses of the First Amendment.** Specifically, the plaintiffs argue that a district administrative

regulation and CIF (which is overseen by CDE) policy allowing athletes to compete in sports and use facilities like locker rooms based on their gender identity resulted in the plaintiffs experiencing sex discrimination and violations of their free speech and religious rights. **The CIF policy and district regulation in question stem from [Assembly Bill](#)**

1266 (2014), which revised California Education Code Section 221.5 to allow students to participate in athletics and use facilities aligned with their gender identity.

The three plaintiffs in the case, all of whom competed on district sports teams with a transgender student athlete, allege that while participating on those teams, they experienced sex discrimination including sexual harassment and failure to provide equal treatment by denying them competitive opportunities. They also claim that, when speaking to administration and coaches about their concerns and discomforts regarding the transgender student athlete that were due in part to their religious beliefs and concerns for safety, they were met with hostility and retaliation and were pressured to self-censor. This, they allege, resulted in violation of their free speech and free exercise rights.

The plaintiffs are seeking declaratory relief that AB 1266, the district's administrative regulation and CIF policy violates Title IX and the Equal Protection Clause. In addition, they have requested injunctive relief stopping the defendants from enforcing the regulations and policies related to AB 1266. This case presents a unique question of how state law and federal law interact and CSBA will continue to monitor the case and provide updates.

Read the September newsletter



The September edition of *California School News* includes **a recap of the County Board Conference, introduces the new CSBA County Board Governance Handbook and provides guidance on navigating opt-out requests in light of *Mahmoud v. Taylor*.** Articles cover strategies to support Hispanic families and students experiencing homelessness in light of National Hispanic Heritage Month and resources

related to Suicide Prevention Month. The newsletter also features a Q&A with U.S. Science Envoy for Artificial Intelligence and CEO and Co-Founder of Humane Intelligence Dr. Rumman Chowdhury, who will give a keynote address at the 2025 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show. [Read it now »](#)

Instructional Quality Commission progress on math instructional materials, personal finance guide

Members of the **Instructional Quality Commission (IQC)** met on Sept. 17 to take action regarding the **2025 Mathematics Instructional Materials for K-8 and Personal Finance Curriculum Guide**. Following roughly two years of work on the instructional materials adoption process for K-8 math, which included submissions from publishers, review periods and



opportunities for public comment, the Mathematics Subject Matter Committee moved to recommend 64 programs to the full commission. **The commission approved the recommended programs, which will be forwarded to the State Board of Education for public comment and potential adoption in November.**

Chair Charice Guerra noted that the time and care spent on this project should ensure “that school districts will have a wide variety of quality choices when selecting instructional materials aligned to the content standards and curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board.”

[Read a full recap »](#)

Register for in-person training on the Brown Act



Join attorneys from **CSBA Legal Services** on **Oct. 10 in St. Helena** for a training on the **Brown Act**. This **full-day training** provides legal information and practical guidance for board presidents and executive assistants and covers topics including different types of meetings, agenda and posting requirements, conduct guidelines for closed sessions, teleconferencing provisions, managing public

comments, handling meeting disruptions and more. Superintendents and other local educational agency staff are also welcome to join and participate in what will be an informative training event. [Register now »](#)

Interested in becoming a client? Contact the CSBA Legal Services team to learn more at legalservices@csba.org.

Salary compensation studies provide practical solutions



Long-term retention of experienced employees is more cost-effective than recruiting new ones. At the same time, attracting the best candidates is vital for maintaining the highest quality staff in a local educational agency. **School administrators understand the pivotal role a competitive compensation package plays in employee satisfaction and long-term retention, as well as attracting new talent.** Bargaining units often have

an inaccurate perception of compensation packages, which can impact employee morale and complicate negotiations. **Total School Solutions (TSS) Compensation Studies have been instrumental in improving employee morale, job satisfaction and retention as well as providing accurate information for negotiations.** With a deep understanding of the educational landscape, collaborative work with employee bargaining

units and knowledge of available resources, TSS Compensation Studies can provide comprehensive, logical and practical solutions for LEAs. [Learn more »](#)

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

Virtual events

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

Oct. 13 | [Register](#)

Nov. 3 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistants (EA) Certification Program Sigma: Job Mechanics 3A/3B

Oct. 16-17 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 3: School Finance Part 1 and Part 2

Oct. 22-23 | [Register](#)

In-person events

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

Oct. 10 | St. Helena | [Register](#)

Education Workforce Housing Bootcamp

Oct. 15 | San Jose | [Register](#)

Oct. 24 | Covina | [Register](#)

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/ Collective Bargaining

Oct. 18 | Torrance | [Register](#)

Oct. 18 | Stockton | [Register](#)

Legal Services UCP University

Oct. 29 | Redondo Beach | [Register](#)

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