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Federal update: CSBA statement on proposed Education Department closure



CSBA has issued a statement on President Donald Trump's March 20 executive order, "Improving Education Outcomes by Empowering Parents, States, and Communities," that, among other objectives, calls for closing the U.S. Department of Education. This action has raised questions about the role and utility of the agency, and the impact its potential dissolution might have on

education at the state and local level.

"The executive order ventures into uncharted territory and would require Congressional approval as that body established the federal Department of

Education in 1979. It may also be subject to legal challenges, but regardless of the resolution, the discussion should center around one fundamental value: the education and betterment of the nation's students," the statement reads. "Whatever changes take place at the Department of Education, the federal government should retain core functions that promote student success. Ensuring students receive the support they need to reach their full potential and realize positive scholastic, career and life outcomes is essential to maintain and expand America's scientific, technological and financial leadership position in a competitive global economy." [Read the full statement »](#)

Legislative update: CSBA co-sponsors bill to extend time substitute teachers may teach in a classroom



Assembly Bill 1224 (Valencia, D-Anaheim), co-sponsored with the California County Superintendents, Association of California School Administrators and the California Association of School Business Officials, **would extend the time period a substitute teacher may serve in a classroom from 30 to 60 days. A measure greatly needed as the state faces an unprecedented education staffing crisis, AB**

1224 seeks to reinstitute the same increases provided during the pandemic.

Research has demonstrated that instructional stability and continuity are key factors in student achievement. Substitute teachers who remain in the classroom for longer periods can build rapport with students, gain experience and provide greater continuity in instruction, leading to more positive learning environments and better educational outcomes. While the state continues to focus on recruiting and retaining qualified teachers, additional tools are needed now to help address the real-time staffing challenges facing local educational agencies. **By allowing an authorized substitute teacher to serve in a single classroom for up to 60 days, AB 1224 creates more consistency for students while LEAs continue efforts to fill vacancies with high-quality, fully credentialed teachers.**

Gain insights from policy experts at Coast2Coast



Inspire a better future for California education and students by joining CSBA and the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) for the fourth annual Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip to Washington, D.C., on April 28-30. **Gain critical insights from top policy experts on the most pressing federal education issues, including data privacy, broadband, special education, rural schools, nutrition, career and technical**

education programming, facilities, teacher recruitment and retention and more. Additional influential speakers are anticipated to be added to the program as the event

approaches as they cannot typically commit too far in advance due to the ever-evolving nature of their schedules. [Learn more and register before fees increase on April 4 »](#)

Make the most of your time in D.C. by partaking in special activities. **Coast2Coast participants, along with the California Delegation of the U.S. House of Representatives, are cordially invited to attend an invite-only reception. The reception will take place in the historic U.S. House of Representatives Member's Dining Room of the U.S. Capitol Building on Tuesday, April 29, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** An email will be sent on April 8 for attendees to RSVP to the reception.

IQC appoints instructional materials reviewers



The **March 20 meeting** of the California Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) furthered the process for selecting state-approved instructional materials aligned with the **2023 California Mathematics Framework**. It also received presentations about statewide math initiatives aimed at supporting teaching and learning aligned with the new framework.

The IQC is working to select high-quality instructional material amid a challenging backdrop, with a statewide average of 35.54 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards in math on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress. **The commission approved the panel assignments and facilitators for the 2025 Mathematics Framework Instructional Material Adoptions.** These appointees will evaluate 69 programs submitted by 29 publishers encompassing curricular materials for grades K-12.

The instructional materials selection process is lengthy, with the State Board of Education scheduled to review and approve the materials recommended by the IQC in November 2025. In the meantime, **CSBA is ahead of the curve offering resources to help boards select high-quality instructional materials, including for the new math framework.** [View the CSBA's instructional materials resources »](#)

BuyBoard Spotlight: Audio visual equipment and supplies



This month, **CSBA is highlighting audio visual equipment and supplies available from BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative vendors used by local educational and public agencies across California.** The rigorous criteria of both CSBA and BuyBoard ensure that these vendors meet high expectations for quality and service. Audio visual equipment and supplies have been competitively procured by BuyBoard, saving

districts valuable time and resources. **BuyBoard members can purchase a wide variety of audio-visual equipment and supplies, such as camera gear and related products, audio equipment, monitors, projectors, networking and lighting products**

and supplies from a number of awarded vendors. For more information about the procurement of audio visual equipment and supplies on contract #739-24, *Audio Visual Equipment and Supplies*, as well as over 90 other competitively procured contract categories, please reach out to Doug Williams at douglas.williams@buyboard.com or 425-260-4423. [Learn more »](#)

Total School Solutions can help with Facilities Master Plans



Up-to-date facilities can support the educational and programmatic goals of local educational agencies. **A Facilities Master Plan provides a district with vital information regarding current and future needs for student housing, quality of existing facilities, and facilities renovation and expansion requirements to meet its educational and programmatic goals.** The master plan also assists in identifying funding

needs for capital improvement and developing financing options. **Total School Solutions Facilities Master Plans include** accurate projections regarding enrollment, careful determination of school site capacity, educational specifications to ensure programmatic needs are served, a detailed need assessment, and conclusions and recommendations about the availability and timing of financing and funding. [Learn more »](#)

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

Virtual events

Executive Assistant (EA) Pi: Governance Integration

April 4 | [Register](#)

Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

April 7 | [Register](#)

Student Board Member (SBM) Advancing Budget Priorities and Advocacy

April 7 | [Register](#)

Fiscal Responsibility: Key Financial Concepts for New Board Members

April 14 | [Register](#)

Orientation for New Trustees

April 17 | [Register](#)

Sponsors



EA Rho: Understanding Culture 1A/1B

April 17-18 | [Register](#)

**Masters in Governance (MIG) Course 5:
Community Relations &
Advocacy/Governance Integration**

April 23-24 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

April 25 | [Register](#)

**SBM Legacy and Transition Planning for
Policy Initiatives**

April 28 | [Register](#)

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In-person events

**2025 CSBA County Board Governance
Workshop**

April 11-12 | Sacramento | [Register](#)

Small School District Financial Workshop

April 12 | Redding | [Register](#)

**MIG Course 3: School Finance Part 1 and
Part 2**

April 19 | Riverside | [Register](#)

**MIG Course 4: Human
Resources/Collective Bargaining**

April 26 | Visalia | [Register](#)

Coast2Coast

April 28-30 | Washington, D.C. | [Register](#)

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