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State update: Governor and Legislature's budget priorities conflict



The **release of the May Revise, which is required to be announced no later than May 14, is weeks away.** It is Gov. Gavin Newsom's opportunity to update his January Budget Proposal with more accurate revenue and tax collection numbers. **Last week, the Governor met with the Democratic Caucus of the State Assembly behind closed doors to provide a preview of what to expect.** Although the state

has reported that revenues have exceeded projections over the last several months, it continues to face a projected year-over-year operational deficit, and **as reported** by

Politico, that the final May Revision would contain proposed cuts “to ensure his last budget is balanced.” Gov. Newsom’s proposal to withhold Proposition 98 funding was not mentioned.

That news was juxtaposed with an announcement by the Senate Democratic majority that **they are rejecting the Governor’s withholding of \$5.6 billion in Prop 98 funding**, illustrating that **the Legislature and the Governor are not yet on the same page on the state budget, especially regarding public education funding**. More specifically, the Senate Democrats said they would split the money between a deposit into the Prop 98 reserve and one-time purposes allocated through the budget process. CSBA will keep members informed on budget developments as the process continues.

In other state news:

- **This summer, California celebrates 175 years of statehood and the U.S. celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. A special [toolkit](#) has been released to support schools in recognizing both milestones** with ideas for school boards and local educational agencies as well as schools and teachers. [Access the toolkit »](#)
- On April 17, the California Department of Education **announced** that **nine individuals were selected as 2026 California Classified School Employees of the Year recipients**. [View the winners »](#)

Legislative update: CSBA takes Oppose position on two problematic pieces of legislation



Among the hundreds of bills introduced this year, **CSBA is tracking proposed legislation that would undermine a local educational agency’s ability to address critical labor issues — [Assembly Bill 1564](#) (Ahrens, D-Santa Clara) and [AB 2142](#) (Garcia, D-San Bernardino).**

CSBA has taken Oppose positions on both measures alongside the County Supervisors Association of California, the League of California

Cities and other statewide educational advocacy organizations.

Marking the seventh effort to pass this legislation, **AB 1564 would effectively establish a right of privilege between an employee and his/her employee representative**. In his veto message of the first effort to establish this privilege, then-Gov. Jerry Brown wrote that he did not “believe it is appropriate to put communications with a union agent on equal footing with communications with one’s spouse, priest, physician or attorney. Moreover, this bill could compromise the ability of employers to conduct investigations into workplace safety, harassment and other allegations.” AB 1564 is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2142 would mandate the hiring of any temporary staff who works up to 75 percent of the school year, even if the employee quits or is terminated and is then rehired at a later date, no matter how much time passes between employment. Although this bill appears to provide additional workplace protections for temporary classified staff,

it undermines local control and the ability of LEAs to hire temporary staff. AB 2142 is currently in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

CSBA-ACSA Coast2Coast recap: Service, advocacy and a united voice for California students



When education leaders take the time to show up, share their stories and speak with clarity and purpose, they help shape policies that directly affect students' lives. This truth was on full display when **school board members and superintendents from across California gathered in Washington, D.C. from April 12-15 for the 2026 CSBA-ACSA Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip.**

CSBA CEO & Executive Director **Vernon M. Billy** emphasized that the partnership between CSBA and Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) at Coast2Coast amplifies the impact of every participant in a way that reverberates from the nation's capital to their schools and communities back home in California.

"Your presence here strengthens our collective voice and provides us with an opportunity to weigh in on some of the most important education issues impacting our schools," Billy said.

Attendees arrived in D.C. united by a shared goal: to help policy federal policymakers understand the realities facing California schools and make sure California's representatives advocate for solutions that improve school conditions and student outcomes. Participants approached the event as an extension of their daily work supporting students, educators and families, but also as an opportunity to build collective power that overcomes political divides. Key advocacy areas included workforce and career technical education; children's online safety and privacy; artificial intelligence in education; and federal appropriations. [Read a full recap on the CSBA blog »](#)

Call for Proposals now open for CSBA Counties Conference



CSBA is seeking innovative and engaging ideas for sessions at the **2026 CSBA Counties Conference**, happening Sept. 25-27 in Marina del Rey (Los Angeles County). County trustees are encouraged to submit proposals that will spark meaningful discussions, collaborative learning opportunities and dive deep into the specific themes or challenges most relevant to county board members. **Proposals are**

being accepted through June 12 and should correspond to one or more of the major strands identified for this year's conference, which include advocacy,

governance and policy; funding, workforce and educational access; and student well-being, safety and success. [Learn more »](#)

Commission on Teacher Credentialing works on processes to streamline credential obtainment



The **April 16-17 meeting** of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) continued work on long-term projects to support teacher candidates in both qualifying for an educator preparation program and exiting one with a credential. Staff also returned with the results of a field survey regarding sanctions for local educational agencies that continually misassign certificated educators. [Read](#)

[a full meeting recap »](#)

Also at the meeting, commissioners were presented with the **2024–25 Teacher Supply in California** report for transmittal to the Legislature. The report will be covered in a separate blog post next week.

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In-person events

Education Workforce Housing 101
Workshop Series: Part 1
May 1 | San Diego | [Register](#)
May 8 | Daly City | [Register](#)

Virtual events

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Ethics Assembly Bill 2158

May 5 | [Register](#)

June 22 | [Register](#)

**California Council of School Attorneys
(CCSA) 2026 Spring Workshop**

May 15 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

June 26 | [Register](#)

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

June 15 and 29 | [Register](#)

**MIG Course 5: Community Relations &
Advocacy/ Governance Integration**

July 13 and 27 | [Register](#)

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