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## Action Alert: Help stop the manipulation of Proposition 98



With the Legislature required to vote on a balanced budget by June 15, the voices of school district and county office of education board members are sorely needed in **opposition to the proposed withholding of \$3.9 billion in current year Proposition 98 funding. Gov. Gavin Newsom doubled down on the proposed withholding in the May Revise and the Assembly also announced their support of the**

**withholding in their budget priorities.** The Senate has proposed rejecting the withholding, which is welcome news, but further advocacy is needed to both urge the Senate to remain opposed and for the Assembly to reject their approach.

Californians created Prop 98 to prevent exactly this kind of budgetary shell game where:

- Funding is being delayed or withheld
- The formulas are being altered
- The law is being subverted

If the state can subvert the spirit and purpose of Prop 98 whenever it's inconvenient, then the Prop 98 "guarantee" stops being a guarantee at all. CSBA makes sharing member voices easy with **a customizable message to legislators and the Governor**. [Send a message against the Prop 98 manipulation now »](#)

## AEC registration and housing open



Join education leaders from across the state at the **2026 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show (AEC) in San Diego, Dec. 3-5**. AEC is **CSBA's premier professional development event** for new and veteran board members, superintendents, administrators and board support professionals. Attendees will **gain insights into the latest trends and issues in education, learn strategies to help raise student achievement,**

**discover new products and services, and network with peers** from throughout California.

CSBA members should have received an email with their member ID, which will be needed to register for the conference. **Conference registration and hotel accommodation can be booked at the same time through CSBA's reservation system.** Group registration is also available by following the steps on the registration webpage. Be sure to take advantage of the early bird rate, available through Aug. 11. [Learn more and register »](#)

## Final call: Submit a proposal for the 2026 CSBA Counties Conference



CSBA is seeking innovative and engaging ideas for the **2026 Counties Conference**, taking place **Sept. 25-27 at the Marina del Rey Marriott**. County office of education board members and superintendents are encouraged to **submit proposals that spark meaningful discussions and collaborative learning opportunities aligned with one of the three conference strands: Advocacy, Governance and**

**Policy: Leading for Impact; Funding, Workforce and Educational Access: Aligning Resources for Success; and Student Well-Being, Safety and Success: Supporting Vulnerable Youth and the Whole Child.** County trustees can share their COE's expertise through workshops that explore key themes and challenges most relevant to county

boards. Proposals are due by **Friday, June 12**. [Submit a proposal »](#)

## Golden Awards submissions open through June 26



CSBA believes in recognizing the extraordinary work of school districts and county offices of education across California and is accepting nominations for the **2026 Golden Awards**. The CSBA Golden Awards **honor the hard work and dedication of governing boards and district staff who create innovative programs that improve student achievement and well-being in the state's preK-12 public schools.**

The **Golden Bell Awards** recognize outstanding programs and governance practices of school boards; the **Golden Gavel Awards** recognize individual school board members and governance teams who exemplify best practices in effective governance and boardmanship; and the **Golden Quill Awards** celebrate the important role education journalists play in creating awareness in the community. **The deadline to submit nominations is June 26.** [Learn more and submit an application »](#)

## State update: Updated Health Equity Heat Guidance available



The California Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity has released updated **Health Guidance for Schools on Sports and Strenuous Activities During Extreme Heat**. It **gives schools, coaches and caregivers clear actions to take to protect youth as heat seasons grow hotter and longer.** The guidance features a new dropdown table to help users spot and treat exertional heat illness. It is estimated

that over 9,000 high school athletes are treated for exertional heat illnesses every year in the United States. It also explains when students have higher heat risks and outlines campus improvements schools can make to better protect student health. [Access the guidance »](#)

## Total Schools Solutions can help with closing and budget development



Even districts that are fully staffed with qualified employees find themselves **struggling with added seasonal work such as budget development while meeting the day-to-day vigorous demands** of district financial



management. Total Schools Solutions staff possess extensive expertise in budget development and **specialize in making the budgeting process transparent to staff and the community**, developing trust in the process and the providing data that best serves the district. [Learn more »](#)

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

## In-person events

**Masters in Governance (MIG) for County Offices of Education (COE) Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement | Policy & Judicial Review**  
Aug. 14 | Woodland | [Register](#)

**MIG COE Course 3: Finance & Facilities**  
Aug. 15 | Woodland | [Register](#)

**MIG COE Course 4: Community Relations and Advocacy | Governance Integration**  
Sept. 24 | Marina del Rey | [Register](#)

**2026 CSBA Counties Conference**  
Sept. 25-27 | Marina del Rey | [Register](#)

**2026 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show**  
Dec. 3-5 | San Diego | [Register](#)

## Virtual events

**Ethics Assembly Bill 2158**  
June 22 | [Register](#)

**The Brown Act**  
June 26 | [Register](#)

**MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/ Governance Integration**  
July 13 and 27 | [Register](#)

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