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Legislative update: Urge the Governor to sign AB 2490



CSBA-sponsored Assembly Bill 2490 (Valencia, D-Anaheim) is **on Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk for final action. This measure** is a re-introduction of AB 1224 (Valencia) from last year, which **would increase the time a holder of an emergency career substitute teaching permit can serve in a single classroom from 30 to 70 days.**

AB 2490 gives local educational agencies a practical option when they've exhausted all other efforts to hire a credentialed teacher, supporting instructional continuity in both general and special education classrooms as the state continues working to recruit and retain fully credentialed

teachers. Like AB 1224, this bill passed the Legislature with broad bipartisan support. [Contact Gov. Newsom now to urge him to sign AB 2490 »](#)

Legal update: Title IX case against CDE and CIF dismissed



On Aug. 31, a federal judge in *United States of America v. California Interscholastic Federation et al.*, dismissed the Trump administration's lawsuit against the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). The case revolved around California's laws and policies allowing transgender students to compete on athletic teams and access sex-segregated facilities aligned with their gender identity and the federal government's insistence that they violate the requirements of Title IX and its implementing regulations. The federal government claimed that student participation and access to facilities must be determined based on biological sex.

In granting CIF and CDE's motion to dismiss, the judge held that the government did not provide clear notice required for "spending clause" legislation before instructing CDE and CIF that they were required to ensure schools excluded transgender girls from girls' athletic teams and sex-segregated facilities as a condition to accepting federal funding under Title IX. Although the court did not resolve the underlying question of transgender participation in sports, in reaching its decision, the court reviewed the text of Title IX, its regulations, binding legal precedent — including the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *West Virginia v. B.P.J.*, which expressly *permits* schools to maintain separate sex-based teams — and the conflicting federal government interpretations regarding transgender student athlete eligibility and found no clear requirement that all schools must determine eligibility and access based on biological sex.

Because the court found the federal government failed to provide California with the requisite clear notice, it was barred from enforcing this requirement against CDE and CIF as a condition of receiving federal funds. The federal government may appeal the court's decision to dismiss the complaint. CSBA will continue to monitor the case and provide updates as needed.

CSBA webinar offers support strategies for the superintendent-principal

The dual-role administrative position of the superintendent-principal can be difficult, but with strong support from their board, these individuals can thrive as leaders. **Join CSBA on Sept. 17 at 12 p.m. for a panel discussion with**

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Upcoming CSBA Webinar

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superintendent-principals from across the state as they explain the challenges and opportunities of this multifaceted role, as well as how board members can support this position for stronger effectiveness, recruitment and retention.

Webinar registrants will receive CSBA's associated report, *[Two Jobs, One Person: Supporting the Superintendent-Principal.](#)*

Federal update: Congress funds the federal government through Dec. 11



Congress temporarily **avoided a federal government shutdown by providing funding via a continuing resolution (CR) through Dec. 11.** Without this temporary funding measure, a full federal government shutdown would have been triggered on Oct. 1. The CR **maintains fiscal year (FY) 2026 funding levels for federal programs including Title I and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) during the**

first two months of FY 2027. It also gives lawmakers additional time to negotiate full-year FY 2027 appropriations.

The **CR also pauses the proposed overhaul of the White House Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) federal grant rules**, which has drawn opposition from education advocates and other groups concerned that giving political appointees greater authority over federal grants could undermine objective, merit-based funding decisions. The CR prevents the OMB from finalizing the rule while the temporary funding measure is in effect, providing additional time for review. The proposed changes could affect how competitive education grants are evaluated, awarded and administered.

Congress will return to appropriations negotiations in December to decide whether to pass full-year spending bills or another temporary funding measure. CSBA will continue to monitor developments and advocate for strong federal support for K-12 education, including increased funding for IDEA.

Register now: Engaging discussions, valuable insights and inspiring speakers at AEC's meal functions

CSBA's Annual Education Conference and Trade Show (**AEC**) **ticketed meal functions give attendees the chance to explore policy, leadership and timely topics affecting**



California schools alongside colleagues. Gain insights and new ideas from education leaders and experience a more personal setting to continue conversations inspired during AEC sessions by adding a breakfast or lunch to the conference experience. AEC's meal functions provide fresh perspectives, practical strategies and opportunities to make meaningful connections. **To add a meal function to your**

AEC registration, call 864-641-6838 or email register@csba.org. [Explore the meal function options »](#)

State update: CCEE high-dosage tutoring cohort application open



The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (**CCEE**) is offering up to 10 districts free support in designing high-dosage tutoring programs where at least 40 percent of provider payment is tied to student outcomes. CCEE's **High-Impact Tutoring Cohort** includes guided virtual learning and expert coaching throughout the year; access to tools, templates and data-driven supports; opportunities to collaborate with

peers and national experts; and a direct pathway to impact through results-based funding. **Applications are due by Sept. 14. [Apply now »](#)**

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2026 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show

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