

CSBA's 2023 Legal Symposium for Experienced Board Members Agenda

November 29, 2023

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Registration/Check-In
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. (0.25 hr. MCLE)	Welcoming Remarks – <i>Marisa Lincoln, CCSA President and Partner, Lincoln White Investigations LLP</i>
8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (1.50 hr. MCLE)	<p>Parent Rights: Who is in charge?: Parent's rights are important and need to be acknowledged. Now, more than ever, some parents are seeking to review the content of school curriculum and books retained in school libraries. These issues have dominated board meeting discussions in many communities. Can parents opt their children out of curriculum that discusses LGBTQ+ issues or other controversial subjects? Who has ultimate control over curriculum and books in a school's libraries? What laws guide this discussion? What is the board role in this culture war? This presentation will discuss the intersection of school board authority and parent rights in curriculum and other controversial issues.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Michael Smith, Of Counsel, Lozano Smith; Michelle Cannon, Partner, Lozano Smith</i></p>
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (1.0 hrs. MCLE)	<p>Modern Policing on Campus: The role of police in society is a topic of national conversation and the question necessarily turns to the same dialogue within our schools. In this workshop, we will cover the legal background and Education Code requirements regarding public safety officers on campus and security. The training will also offer a framework for the hard discussions that districts have around police presence in schools, including: when it is appropriate (or required) for law enforcement to be called to school, who should be contacted (school resource officer? School district police officer? Local law enforcement?), what training police should have if they are going to be in schools, and what equipment is appropriate to bring onto a school campus.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Amy Brandt, Associate, Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore and CCSA Secretary/Treasurer; Paul Knothe, Partner, Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore</i></p>
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. (1.0 hr. MCLE)	<p>Title IX Updates and the Role of the Board in Title IX Compliance: In 2020, new Title IX regulations went into effect, causing significant changes to the policies and procedures school districts use to receive and process sexual harassment allegations and complaints. Fast forward to 2023, and the federal Department of Education will once again be revising its Title IX regulations for what is expected to be a fall 2023 implementation deadline. Through this session attendees will learn about the new regulations, what we've learned since the 2020 regulations were released, what the role of the school board is in Title IX compliance, and what school boards can do to make sure their districts are taking steps to comply with the 2023 regulations.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Melissa Gallegos, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo and CCSA Member-At-Large; Aaron O'Donnell, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo</i></p>
1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. (1.0 hr. MCLE)	<p>The California Public Records Act: Understanding the Public's Right to Information From Board Members: The California Public Records Act is a vast and complex law providing the public access to school district records and information. In this modern age much emphasis is on access to electronic records which includes emails, texts, messaging, and social media communications by board members. Understand the public's right to information you may have thought was private but is considered public under the Act. This presentation will provide an overview of the right to public records, potential exemptions, and common pitfalls. The presenters will focus on the role and impact to board members with practical tips from the trenches.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Dr. Torie Gibson, Superintendent, Amador County Office of Education; Michelle Cannon, Partner, Lozano Smith</i></p>
2:50 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. (1.0 hr. MCLE)	<p>Current (And Future) Brown Act Issues Facing Boards: Boards continue to face challenges from the ever-changing requirements of the Brown Act and the expectations for public access set during the pandemic. This workshop will focus on lessons learned regarding the new teleconference rules in 2023 and preview changes coming to boards in 2024.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>William Tunick, Shareholder, Dannis, Woliver Kelley; Bill Schuetz, Shareholder, Dannis, Woliver Kelley and CCSA Past President</i></p>

(5.75 hrs. MCLE)