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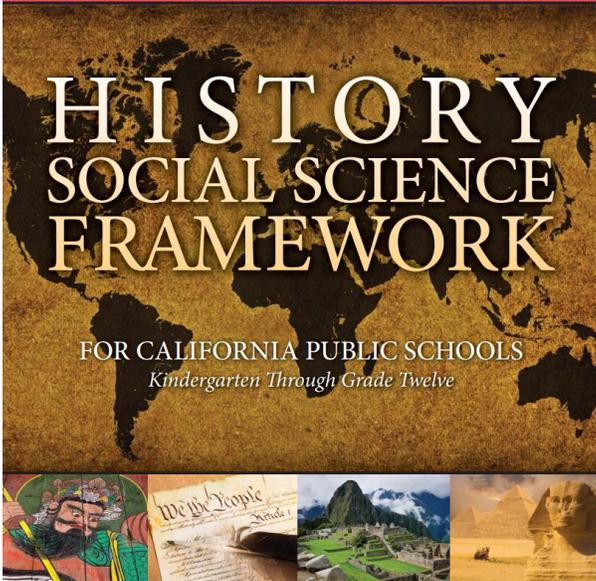
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Below is an update on the three bills that relate to History–Social Science (HSS) that were introduced in January or amended from last session.

[Assembly Bill \(AB\) 761](#) titled, *Pupil assessment: optional HSS performance task assessments*, died in the Education Committee on January 31, 2018. The California Constitution, Article IV, Section 10 states, “Any bill introduced during the first year of the biennium of the legislative session that has not been passed by the house of origin by January 31 of the second calendar year of the biennium may no longer be acted on by the house.” AB 761 was introduced in 2017, and therefore may no longer be acted on.

[Senate Bill \(SB\) 895](#) titled, *Pupil instruction: Vietnamese American refugee experience: model curriculum*, and [SB 830](#) titled, *Pupil instruction: media literacy: model curriculum* were both referred to the Committee on Education in January, 2018.

New legislation introduced in February, 2018 includes [AB 2772](#) titled, *Pupil instruction: ethnic studies*. This bill would add the completion of a course in ethnic studies (based on the model curriculum that will be produced as a result of [AB 2016](#)) to the high school graduation requirements for HSS beginning with the 2023–24 school year.

The Budget Act of 2017

Each year, the Legislature must authorize how Proposition 98 funds will be used, and in 2017, the Legislature approved \$10 million for rollout activities for the HSS and Health Education Frameworks. The funding was split evenly, allotting \$5 million to HSS. The California Department of Education (CDE) will oversee the contract with the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) to carry out the work authorized by the Legislature. The funds will be used to continue to implement the HSS Framework that was adopted by the State Board of Education in July 2016. More information on SCOE’s plan to further support the HSS Framework will be made available when the contract has been finalized and signed with the CDE. Stayed tuned!

CIVIC LEARNING NEWS

Civic Learning Award Recipients

On February 22, 2018, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced the 2018 Civic Learning Award Recipients. Seventy-four schools, in total, received recognition for their efforts to support student civic engagement kindergarten through grade 12 (K–12). The [news release](#) includes the names of all the schools that received awards. The [California Courts Newsroom article](#) also highlights the winning schools.

Civic Learning Success Story

After the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (MSDHS) in Parkland, Florida that killed 17 people, many surviving students have used social media, television time, and a town hall meeting to call for action, and they have created a march on Washington.

[The March for Our Lives](#) will take place on March 24, 2018, in Washington, D.C. as well as in cities nationwide. The march was created by, and will be led by, students from across the country who want Congress to pass legislation to address gun violence issues.

Even though many of the students that are involved in the movement are not of voting age, they are still using their voices to be civically engaged. Lorenzo Prado, a student at MSDHS stated, "What we must do now is enact change because that is what we do to things that fail: We change them." And, another MSDHS student, Chris Grady addressing Marco Rubio said, "We need you and your colleagues on both sides to come together with us and find compromise if we are ever to solve this epidemic that is plaguing our country."

Jamie Raskin, a Maryland congressman, supports the students' efforts, "And I want you to know that you are not only acting in solidarity with the students from Parkland ... but you are acting in the finest tradition of America's young people who have always stood up to change America when nobody else would do it."

A link to a TIME article, titled [Students Calling for Gun Control Can't Vote Yet. But Age Hasn't Stopped Young Activists in the Past](#), shares information about the history of young Americans that helped make change, even though they were too young to vote. And this [blog post on the ACLU Web site](#), informs students about rights in regards to a class or school walk out.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Upcoming Conferences

California Council for the Social Studies (CCSS)

This year's CCSS Conference — Tearing Down Walls: Building Connections, Collaborations, and Civil Discourse, will be held at the [Town and Country Resort and Convention Center](#) in San Diego, on March 23–25. NEW to the Conference – the CCSS is partnering with The San Diego Union-Tribune to host a live, in-person forum with California's gubernatorial candidates on Sunday, March 25! [Information and registration](#) for the conference can be found on the CCSS Web site.

HSS Rollout Events

These day long conferences will familiarize you with the new instructional shifts, changes due to new legislation, content specific ideas, and instructional resources!

There are two remaining conferences hosted by the California HSS Project (CHSSP):

- April 24, 2018 at the Riverside Convention Center
- May 22, 2018 at Sonoma State

[Register](#) for these events on the CHSSP Web site.

Four remaining conferences will be hosted by the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA):

- March 22, 2018 CCSS Pre-Conference Event at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center, San Diego
- April 16, 2018 at San Joaquin County Office of Education
- May 24, 2018 at Humboldt County Office of Education
- August 2, 2018 at Shasta County Office of Education

[Register](#) for these events on the CCSESA Web site.

Regional Offerings

Monterey County Office of Education Offerings

[HSS Instructional Materials Training](#)

March 13, 2018, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

In November 2017, the SBE adopted new instructional materials to support HSS for K–8. During this Instructional Materials Training, curriculum directors, administrators, and teacher leaders will be trained on a HSS Instructional Materials Adoption Toolkit and have time to examine instructional materials from publishers. The cost to attend the event is \$50.00.

[The Fair, Accurate, Inclusive, and Respectful \(FAIR\) Education Act and Civic Learning](#)

Participants will learn how to implement the FAIR Education Act, [SB 48](#), for positive school climate and curriculum aligned with the HSS Framework and the FAIR Act. Participants will also utilize the [Civic Learning Compendium](#) for action-oriented instructional practices and strengthen civic knowledge, civic participatory skills, and civic dispositions for all K–12 students.

[Environmental Education Initiative: Integrated Curriculum for HSS](#)

Integrated Curriculum for Deeper Learning: a professional learning opportunity with resources aligned to the new California frameworks for English Language Arts/English Language Development, HSS, and the Next Generation Science Standards. Collaborate with colleagues to implement unit and lesson resources!

Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE)

VCOE will offer a HSS 2017 Adoption Publishers' Fair, March 7, 2018, in Camarillo, California. More information is provided on the [VCOE Web site](#).

UC Berkley History–Social Science Project (UCBHSSP)

[Using Games to Explore Processes in Global History](#)

This opportunity is a three-day symposium at UC Berkeley from May 14–16, 2018, that will use games and game-creation to teach historical concepts and thinking skills.

Summer Learning

[Midway Institute for Teachers](#) is holding a summer workshop for teachers titled, *Vietnam, The Cold War, and 1968*, in San Diego, California from June 18–22, 2018. This workshop is designed specifically for California teachers with a wide variety of topics and perspectives presented. The [application](#) is available in Google Docs and has a due date of April 6, 2018.

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

The CDE is presenting a Media and Information Literacy Summit on May 23, 2018, in Sacramento, California. The Summit is open to county, district, and school administrators, teachers, librarians, and all K–12 teachers.

The Summit will focus on the definition of information literacy, why information literacy is important, what the Model School Library Standards (MSLS) are, and how the MSLS are connected to all content areas. Speakers from KQED, Politifact, and Common Sense Education will be there as well as Glen Warren from the Encinitas Union School District. At the Summit, participants will be presented with a free, online information literacy toolkit. Registration is coming soon! For more information, please call Jennifer Howerter at 916-323-4630.

OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS

[The ABOTA Foundation](#) is now accepting entries for the [Civics Lesson Plan Contest](#).

Every school year, teachers across the country provide dynamic and engaging classroom activities. This spring, The ABOTA Foundation welcomes classroom teachers to submit their best civics lesson plan for the 2018 Civics Lesson Plan Contest. One lesson plan will be selected for publication in each of two content categories:

- Trial by jury in civil trials
- Preserving a fair and impartial judiciary

There will be prizes for the winners. The deadline to submit the lesson plan is April 5, 2018.

OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

The California Armenian Legislative Caucus (CALC) is holding two scholarship contents for the 2018 commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. California high school students in grades 9–12 are invited to participate in an essay content and/or a visual arts contest to increase greater awareness of the Armenian Genocide on its anniversary. The visual arts scholarship is a joint venture between the CALC and the California Arts Council. Information for the contest can be found on the [Web page of Assembly Member Nazarian](#).

The [Ninth Circuit of the United States Federal Courts](#) is announcing a civics contest based on the 14th Amendment, 150 years after its ratification. The question is, “What does equal protection mean to students?” More [information and the rules](#) can be found on the Ninth Circuit’s Web site.

Significant Dates/Upcoming Events

March 1–31	National Women’s History Month
March 22	HSS Rollout Event, San Diego Town and County Hotel
March 23–25	California Council for the Social Studies Conference
April 2018	Financial Literacy Month
April 13	Thomas Jefferson’s Birthday Observed
April 22	Earth Day

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