



# Solano County SELPA March Newsletter

## Legislation Update

The legislative season is in full swing! February 17th was the deadline for legislators to introduce bills. The SELPA tracks bills of significance in special education and reports the following:

[AB-438](#) (Rubio) This bill would require the development of Individual Transition Plans for students at age 14 (the current requirement is by age 16).

[AB-611](#) (Weber). This bill would require the contracting agency to notify families anytime a nonpublic school or agency has a change in their certification status.

[SB-323](#) (Portantino) This bill would make several changes to laws to accommodate individuals with exceptional needs in emergency planning, including amending requirements to the IEP and creating an Inclusive School Emergency Plan.

[SB-354](#) (Ochoa Bogh) This bill will address inclusive education practices.

[SB-445](#) (Portantino) This bill will require the translation of documents used to develop an IEP and establish a timeline for providing translations.

[SB-483](#) (Cortese) This bill would prohibit the use of prone (face down) restraint of any pupil.

[SB-691](#) (Portantino) This bill, with broad legislative support, will require districts to screen every pupil in grades K-2 for dyslexia annually and share the results with parents. Additionally, the bill requires pupils identified as being at risk for dyslexia with intervention.

## Professional Development Opportunity

- 3/22 - 3:30-5:00 PM - [Autism and Mental Health](#)

In 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that approximately 1 in 44 children in the United States is diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Given the high prevalence of ASD, it is important for individuals in education to understand more about the disorder, as well as the mental health conditions that often present comorbidly. This training will provide education related to mental health disorders that frequently affect individuals diagnosed with ASD, as well as corresponding treatment interventions.

Participants will:

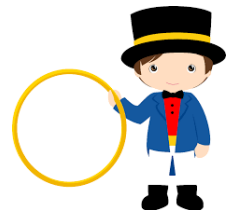
- Learn about ASD and the mental health disorders that often present comorbidly
- Learn strategies to assess for mental health disorders and ASD
- Learn treatment interventions to utilize when working with students who have both ASD and a mental health disorder

## Save the Date!

**What:** The 5th Annual Under the Big Top Conference on Special Education  
**When:** August 1st-3rd, 2023  
**Where:** Solano County Office of Education  
 5100 Business center Drive, Fairfield CA  
**Who:** General and Special Education Educators, Administrators, and Related Service Providers

### Guest Speakers include:

- [Elijah Stacy](#), Inspirational Speaker & Author, [A Small If](#)
- Jan Tomsy, Partner, Fagen Friedman and Fulfroost



## March's Events

Date	Event
3/10	Special Education Council & Special Education Council +
3/16	Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
3/23	Joint Council of Superintendents (COS) & Governance and Finance Committee