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JAN 15 2026

TOPIC: Homeless Education and the Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS)

Join us to learn how the Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS) supports McKinney-Vento requirements and the role of homeless liaisons in accurate reporting. We'll review key homeless education data areas, including training, board policy, housing questionnaire and Title I.

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FEB 25 2026

TOPIC: John Burton Advocates for Youth (JBAY) Presentation on CalKids & SB 640

JBAY's presentation will provide a brief overview of two statewide initiatives designed to reduce barriers to postsecondary access and completion 1.) CalKIDS – California's child savings account program, which provides automatic seed deposits & additional funds to eligible students, including homeless youth, to support their future education. 2.) SB 640 (Direct Admission to CSU) – A new policy that guarantees eligible students' admission to participating CSU campuses, simplifying the pathway from high school to college.

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MAR 25 2026

TOPIC: Reducing Climate-Driven Displacement Through Student-Informed Planning

Climate-related events are increasingly disrupting housing stability, school continuity, and student well-being—creating displacement risks that extend beyond economic causes alone. This *Data & Donuts* session shares early PLUS research and statewide survey findings on how districts are strengthening preparedness by engaging students as partners in climate resilience, wellness, and recovery planning while centering families experiencing homelessness.

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APR 16 2026

TOPIC: Designing Transportation Systems That Work for Highly Mobile Youth

Transportation is a critical yet under-resourced support for students experiencing homelessness and housing instability. This Data & Donuts session shares early PLUS research and state and national best practices for free and reduced transportation that improve school access, attendance, and stability for highly mobile youth. The session highlights policy-aligned, district-ready strategies and coordination approaches relevant to California districts/charters and HETAC priorities.

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MAY 14 2026

TOPIC: Deepening Youth Civic Engagement Through CTE, Community Schools, and the State Seal of Civic Engagement

As LEAs advance equity, belonging, and meaningful student engagement, the State Seal of Civic Engagement (SSCE) offers a practical pathway to connect civic learning with real-world impact—especially for students experiencing instability. This *Data & Donuts* session shares PLUS action research and practitioner insights from West Contra Costa Unified School District, highlighting Y-PLAN partnerships, applied civic projects, and aligned CTE, Community Schools, and SSCE strategies that elevate applied learning, lived experience, and community impact.

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