Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, April 2017

Details are in the April issue of the Advocacy Communicator.

- National PTA is disappointed that President Trump’s proposed budget includes $9.2 billion in cuts to public education while including a $250 million investment to expand private school options. PTA opposes any private school choice system that drains public school resources.
- On the positive side, the President’s budget adds $1 billion for Title 1 schools, which serve high percentages of students from low-income families, and maintains $13 billion in special education grants.
- National PTA is opposed to vouchers, tax credits and any other programs that divert public money to private schools.
- National PTA supports charter schools as long as they follow PTA positions and principles.
- Did you know that California’s State Education Code requires public schools to teach visual and performing arts? The Communicator lists the Ed Code sections that deal with arts education in grade 1 through 12.
- Five Orange County school superintendents participated in the Advocacy Forum last month. Some of their comments are included in this issue of the Communicator.

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