

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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