

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, September 2016

Details are in the September issue of the *Advocacy Communicator*.

- Fourth District PTA Advocacy Training is coming up on September 30. Two speakers from the Orange County Department of Education will talk about the role of OCDE in the LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) process and how the Brown Act relates to school boards. It's free and any PTA member can attend. Who would like to go with me?
- California State PTA supports five propositions on the November ballot. The propositions deal with a state bond for education facilities, extending the Prop. 30 tax increases, increasing the cigarette tax, repealing the proposition that prohibited bilingual education and regulating the sale of ammunition.
- The California Supreme Court declined to hear two lawsuits that deal with education, so the lower court decisions denying the cases stand. One of the lawsuits was an attempt to increase education funding and the other hoped to eliminate state laws dealing with teacher tenure, layoff and dismissal.
- Delegates at the National PTA Convention this summer approved four resolutions. The subjects are keeping electronic cigarettes away from children, emphasizing quality over quantity when it comes to homework, protection of children and youth who are Lesbian, gay, transgender and queer/questioning, and water safety.
- Fourth District PTA has a great advocacy program with lots of resources for us to use. Details are in the *Communicator*.

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