

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, February 2013

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

- Governor Brown issued his proposed state budget for 2013-14. He wants to increase per pupil funding by \$337. He also wants the state to begin switching to a “local control funding formula,” where all school districts would get the same amount of money per student, with extra funding for students who are low-income, English learners or in foster care. This would be a huge change from the way schools are funded now.
- In other good news, the Governor wants to reimburse school districts for the \$10 billion they have had to borrow during the past five years. Districts should get \$2.2 billion this year and \$1.9 billion next year, putting the state on track to repay the entire amount by 2016-17.
- The Governor also wants to send all of the clean energy funding from Prop. 39 to school districts and community college districts and count that toward the Prop. 98 minimum funding guarantee for education. But the Legislative Analyst says this contradicts both Prop. 98 and Prop 39, so it will probably be controversial.
- Now it’s up to the state legislators to decide which of these proposals they want to adopt or change.
- The registration deadline for Sacramento Safari is coming up soon!

The Advocacy Communicator also has a report on the recent Advocacy Roundtable with Jacque Chevalier, from National PTA.