

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, April 2013

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

- Seventy-five PTA members went on the Fourth District PTA Sacramento Safari, and it sounds like it was a great trip and a good learning experience.
- The Local Control Funding Formula, Gov. Brown's proposal to completely revamp school funding, is a hot topic in Sacramento. Education experts are saying that it still would not provide enough funding for California schools and that the money should be distributed more evenly. There are a couple of odd programs that are left out of the new formula. Also, the local control aspect could end up eliminating some programs, such as ROP.
- Four Orange County school district superintendents will be the guest speakers at the Advocacy Roundtable on April 26. They will talk about how their districts are handling the potential changes in school funding, Common Core Standards, new state tests, and other current issues. It's free and open to all PTA members.
- There will be several advocacy workshops at the State PTA Convention in San Jose, including one presented by Fourth District PTA Vice President for Advocacy Kim Anderson and Fourth District Advocate Shereen Walter.
- The EdSource Conference will be held in San Jose in conjunction with the State PTA Convention. There will be a lot of good information and at least one of our delegates should plan to attend.