

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, May 2013

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

- Gov. Brown is firmly resolved to pass the Local Control Funding Formula, his proposal to completely change the way public schools are funded. Both the state Assembly and the State Senate have proposed bills that would implement some version of that plan. California State PTA has taken a “seek amendments” position on AB88, the Assembly bill, and is preparing to take a position on SB69, the Senate bill.
- State PTA issued a detailed statement about what we would like to see in the funding formula. Key points are:
 - School funding should be increased so that all schools have adequate funding.
 - All students should have access to a full curriculum.
 - Additional money allocated for children with specific needs should actually benefit those students.
 - Local control of funding should include accountability, transparency and involvement by local parents, staff and community.
- California State PTA has a “support” position on AB375, by Assembly Member Joan Buchanan. This bill would simplify and streamline the process for dismissing public school teachers.
- The *Communicator* also has a report on the April Advocacy Roundtable. Four superintendents from Orange County school districts talked about Common Core Standards, the Local Control Funding Formula, issues regarding the loss of teachers and safety measures at their schools.