

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, September 2013

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

- California is implementing a new public school funding process called the Local Control Funding Formula, or LCFF. Every school district gets the same per-student amount (or “base grant”), depending on the grade levels that are served. Districts receive an additional 20 percent for students who are low income, English learners or foster children. Districts with 55 percent or more of these high needs students receive an additional “concentration factor” of 50 percent of the base grant for each student above the 55 percent mark.
- LCFF eliminated revenue limits and most categorical funds. School districts now have a lot more say in how they spend their state funding. That means we really have to pay attention when our school districts are putting together their budgets.
- There will be more information about LCFF at the Advocacy Roundtable on September 20. All of us should attend that.
- We should send someone on the Fourth District PTA Sacramento Safari in March. It sounds like an exciting trip. The cost is only \$600 per person for a two-day trip and program.
- The *Advocacy Communicator* also has an article about all of the advocacy programs that Fourth District PTA offers. The programs make it easy to get the information you need and they are available to all PTA members.