

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, January 2014

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

- On January 16, the State Board of Education is going to vote on revised regulations for the new Local Control Funding Formula, including rules on how school districts can spend the extra money they get for students who are low income, English learners or in foster care. The State Board is going to continue working on the regulations for the rest of the year.
- If you want to learn more about the Local Control Funding Formula and the Local Control Accountability Plan that every school district has to put together, there is lots of information on the California State PTA website, www.capta.org.
- There's going to be a big change in this year's state budget process. Instead of dealing with huge deficits, the state is looking at a \$2.2 billion surplus by the end of this fiscal year.
- Legislative leaders have said that making transitional kindergarten programs available for all four-year-olds is a budget priority for this year. The State Superintendent is asking for another \$1.5 billion to help implement Common Core State Standards.
- The Communicator has a brief description of the state budget process and a list of websites where you can get more information.
- Sacramento Safari is coming up March 17 and 18. We should register soon! The cost goes up on January 24.
- The next Advocacy Roundtable is on January 24. The topic will be technology in the classroom. It's free and open to all PTA members.

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