

Keep registering your high school seniors to vote!

The election is over, but your PTA voter registration drive should continue. Most of our high school students turn 18 before they graduate. Work with your administrators to get a voter registration form to every student. This may be combined with other nonpartisan information about good citizenship, the rights and responsibilities young people assume when they are 18, and how to be an informed voter. A useful publication is "When You Turn 18: A Survival Guide for Teenagers," produced by the California State Bar. This booklet provides information about voting as well as laws related to banking, contracts, employment and other issues. Free copies are available at www.calbar.ca.gov/Public/Pamphlets.aspx.



California's new way to rate schools

You're invited to the next Advocacy Forum!

SAVE THE DATE for January's Advocacy Forum when we discuss the topic "*Measuring school success: How does the new rating system work?*"

Get the latest update on the new data dashboard which will be used to show how our schools and districts are doing. How will this relate to the LCAP and LCFF rubric? How will multiple measures drive continuous improvement in the new accountability system? Get your questions answered.

Learn about the new school rating system at our next PTA Advocacy Forum!

Fourth District PTA's **ADVOCACY FORUMS** are informative sessions with dynamic speakers on current topics in education and PTA advocacy.

No RSVP is necessary, and it's free! All PTA members are welcome, so feel free to invite others to join you.

Join us on Wednesday, January 18, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., at Orange Unified School District, Board Room #2, 1401 North Handy Street, Orange (55 freeway at Katella – parking is in the rear). See you there!

Membership

"Orange" you glad that you're a PTA Member?

Clearly, PTAs across Orange County are doing great things for kids. Fourth District remains one of the largest PTAs in the PTA universe! In our county, 133 schools have already increased their PTA membership numbers over last year. The following councils are extremely close to surpassing their membership totals over last year: **Anaheim Secondary, Cypress Elementary, El Dorado Oeste, and Westminster**. **KUDOS to Laguna Beach Council for already surpassing last year's totals!!!**

Most of the other councils are on track to meet last year's totals. Just remember, don't let the momentum die down. The fall drive may be over, but it's time to think creatively about how to keep those memberships coming in.

As a reminder to unit and council presidents and membership chairs,

- Make sure you are remitting dues at every meeting. Sometimes the numbers we reflect are lower than your totals, simply because a check has not made its way up through channels just yet.
- Please take a look at the membership totals provided to your council presidents and council membership chairs. Note any schools that need a little extra help. To remain in good standing, units must have at least 15 members.

Thanks to all units and councils. We are off to a good start! Keep up the good work. Members matter!