

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, December 2016

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

- California is going to have a new accountability system for its schools this coming year. Instead of one API number based only on test scores there will be a dashboard with multiple indicators. There is an article about the new system in this month's *Advocacy Communicator* and the Advocacy Forum on January 18 will have a panel discussion with more information.
- Registration fees for Sacramento Safari go up soon! We need to sign up now!
- The Legislative Analyst's Office is predicting no recession and an increase in education funding for the next fiscal year. After that, the situation is less clear because a recession is overdue. Also, we don't know how President-elect Trump's policies will impact the amount of education dollars coming to California from the federal government.
- We have some new Orange County lawmakers in the state legislature following the General Election. There was good news for education: the statewide school facilities bond passed and eight out of 10 local school bonds were approved.
- Even though the election is over, we can still continue voter registration drives in our high schools for seniors who are 18.

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