

## Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, May 2017

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

- California State PTA has taken positions on a number of bills under consideration by the State Legislature. They deal with topics such as firearms at school, magnet schools, safe drinking water, and free breakfast and lunch at schools. There is a list of some of the bills in the *Communicator*. You can see other bills that PTA is tracking at [capta.org](http://capta.org).
- Charter schools are a big topic in Sacramento. Some legislators think there should be changes in how charters are created and operated. Several bills have been proposed and California State PTA supports some of three of them. These bills would prohibit charter schools run by for-profit organizations, require charters to follow state regulations on admission, suspension and expulsion, and require charter boards to have open meetings.
- California PTA supports charter schools in general, especially when they are created within the community they will serve. PTA does not support charter schools that are operated by for-profit organizations, or charters that are affiliated with nonpublic, religious or home-based schools.
- Are we ready for PTA advocacy next year? Do we have an advocacy representative? Do we have advocacy in our budget? Are we sending someone to Sacramento Safari?

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