

## Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, September 2017

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

- The good news is that there is more money for schools in the state budget for this year. The bad news is that we're still not back to the level of funding schools got before the Great Recession, and schools were not getting adequate funding at that time. Also, about \$1 billion of the new funding will go to the state retirement systems for teachers and non-teaching staff, which means less money for school programs.
- The Advocacy Training workshop is coming up on September 15. It's free and open to all PTA members. Who would like to go with me?
- The *Advocacy Communicator* lists California State PTA's Advocacy Goals for 2017-2019.
- A state PTA committee studied PTA positions on school funding during the past 40 years and came to the conclusion that PTA has authority from its membership to support legislation that seeks additional sources of revenue for public education.
- Revised advocacy policies and procedures were approved by the delegates at the state PTA Convention and the Board of Managers. They are included in the *California State PTA Toolkit* online at [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org).
- Governor Brown signed into law three bills that were supported by PTA. They deal with media arts instruction, teacher credentialing and psychological testing of children who have been sexually assaulted.

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