

## Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, October 2017

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

- About 40 bills that California State PTA supports were passed by the state lawmakers and sent to Governor Brown's desk. The Governor has until October 15 to sign or veto each of the bills. If he does nothing, the bill automatically becomes law. He has already signed several PTA-supported bills and vetoed two.
- Sacramento Safari is coming up! This year's trip will be February 26 and 27. Who is going?
- California State PTA now has once-a-month conference calls on advocacy. The schedule and call-in directions are in the *Communicator*.
- There are lots of great resources online for those of us who want to educate ourselves about PTA advocacy and the California education system. The *Communicator* lists a few of them.
- Our state lawmakers are on break until January, so this is a really great time to go meet them in their offices to talk about PTA issues. We should get together a group. The newsletter has some tips on how to do this. We can also get advice and support from Vivien Moreno, the Fourth District PTA Vice President for Advocacy, or Donna Artukovic, a member of the Fourth District Advocacy Committee and a State PTA Advocate. (email addresses below)
- There is a new online tool for arts advocates called The Arts Ed Data Project, which reports on middle and high school arts programs throughout the state. We can look up the data for our individual schools and compare it to information from other schools or other school districts.
- Great news! Ron Bennett, the CEO of School Services of California, will be the speaker at the Advocacy Forum on November 3. He is everyone's favorite speaker! He is very charming and always has lots of information about what is going on in California education. You don't want to miss him!

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