**Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, January 2018**

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

* PTA advocacy begins in our school district. We need to understand how our school district is organized and how it functions. The *Communicator* has a list of questions to get us started.
* We have a chance to meet the California State PTA president, right here in Orange County! State PTA President Dianna MacDonald will be the guest speaker at the next Advocacy Forum, along with Lynn Miyamoto, the State PTA Vice President for Family Engagement. They will talk about how to advocate for a healthier school environment to improve the emotional and mental well-being of our children.
* It looks like California will have about $5.3 billion in extra revenues to spend on education, according to a report by the state’s Legislative Analyst’s Office. The governor and legislators will have to decide how to use this money and whether to spend it on one-time purposes or ongoing programs.
* Our school district will be working on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) soon. PTA should be involved in this process. There are resources at capta.org to help us understand the process and participate.
* Do we have a representative going to Sacramento Safari? Registration closes soon.
* The next California State PTA advocacy conference call is scheduled for Monday, January 8, at 7 p.m. Instructions to participate are in the *Communicator*.
* The next Fourth District PTA Advocacy Forum, on March 9, will focus on mental health.

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