

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, December 2013

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

- PTA advocacy isn't just about laws being passed in Sacramento and Washington DC. We can also take action in our communities, either on statewide PTA issues or on local situations. There are examples of both in the December *Advocacy Communicator*.
- The Legislative Analyst says California's financial situation is looking better than expected. This could mean more money for schools, although a lot of that would be reimbursement for money that school districts have already borrowed and spent in the past several years.
- The State Board of Education is working out the details of the new Local Control Funding Formula, including regulations on how school districts can spend the extra money they get for students who are low income, English learners or in foster care. There was a lot of controversy at the board's meeting in November, with some people wanting lots of flexibility and others wanting to make sure the extra money for high needs kids is spent on those kids. The board has to approve the new regulations by January 31.
- Sacramento Safari is coming up March 17 and 18. We should register soon! The cost goes up on January 24.
- The next Advocacy Roundtable is on January 24. The topic will be technology in the classroom. It's free and open to all PTA members.

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