

## Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, April 2016

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

- California State PTA is sponsoring AB 2680 which would provide one-time funding for family engagement. The hope is that school districts would use this money to help parents and other family members learn how they can support their children's education and become actively involved in their schools. The amount of funding would depend on how much is allocated for this purpose in the State Budget.
- California's Presidential Primary will be held on June 7. If you are registered to vote with no party preference you can vote on the Democratic ballot for President, but not on the Republican ballot. The last day to register to vote for this election is May 23.
- A PTA unit and a council in Fourth District PTA will receive Spotlight Awards for Advocacy at the California State PTA Convention. Robinson Elementary School PTA will be recognized for a program that helps fourth grade students understand what it is like to be a child with physical challenges. Irvine Unified Council PTA will be honored for its annual Student Advocacy Trip that takes high school students to Sacramento for one day.
- A new report shows that California spends an average amount on maintaining and improving public school facilities, compared to other states. However, most states are not spending nearly enough for this purpose. The report says that California should be spending \$6.7 billion more per year.
- The next Fourth District PTA Advocacy Forum will be held on Friday, April 22. The program has not been announced yet, but it is sure to be interesting! Who wants to attend with me?

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