**Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, December 2017**

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

* As always, Ron Bennett brought us lots of information at the November Advocacy Forum. He said there could be some interesting developments in California education during the next year.
* Have we chosen a representative to go to Sacramento Safari? Registration fees go up on December 16.
* The next Advocacy Conference Call with California State PTA will be on Monday, January 18 at 7 p.m. Instructions are in the newsletter.
* The newsletter has a summary of school finance terms such as Local Control Funding Formula, Proposition 98 and basic aid district to give you a general understanding of how our schools are funded. There’s more information at CAPTA.org.
* Our state legislators are in their home offices until January so it’s a good time to visit, call or send an email and ask them to be sure that schools are adequately funded when they work on the next state budget.
* Dianna MacDonald, the new State PTA president, will be the speaker at the Advocacy Forum in January, along with Lynn Miyamoto, the state PTA vice president for family engagement. They will tell us how we can advocate for a healthier school climate to improve the emotional and mental well-being of our children.

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