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

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

* A big priority for California State PTA this year is to get a better definition of family engagement in the state Education Code. Parental involvement is one of the eight priorities that has to be included in the Local Control and Accountability Plan, but it is not well-defined. State PTA is sponsoring AB 2878, which was written by Assembly Member Rocky Chavez. It’s been approved by two Assembly committees and now goes to the full Assembly for a vote. If it’s approved, it still has to be passed by the State Senate and signed by the Governor.
* The *Communicator* also has a list of some of the other bills that California State PTA is supporting. You can see all of the bills that State PTA is tracking at capta.org under Focus Areas, Advocacy.
* We should be getting ready for next year’s advocacy program. Do we have an advocacy representative? Are we including money for advocacy and Sacramento Safari in our budget?
* There’s a fun article about Ed100 on page 2 of the *Communicator*. Ed100 is a website where you can get a lot of information about California education in short, easy-to-read lessons.
* The federal budget that was recently passed by Congress and signed by President Trump includes funding increases for education, child care and the Head Start program. The overall increase is about $2.6 billion.
* The next California State PTA advocacy conference call is at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29. Directions are in the *Communicator*.

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