**Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, February 2019**

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

* Our new governor, Gavin Newsom, has issued a proposed state budget with lots of good news for children and families. He would like to invest $1.8 billion on early childhood programs, including more pre-school spots for low-income children, expanding full-day kindergarten at all schools, more screening and early intervention for babies and toddlers, and increasing family leave to six months. Schools would get $2 billion more under the Local Control Funding Formula and almost $600 million more for special education. The governor would also like to make a $3 billion payment to the state retirement fund, which would allow school districts to spend more of their money on education programs rather than contributions to the retirement fund.
* We can still sign up for Sacramento Safari! There is an important orientation meeting on February 8 for those who are going to Safari.
* Save the date! The next Fourth District PTA advocacy Forum will be on Friday, March 29. All PTA members are welcome to attend.
* The next California State PTA advocacy conference call is scheduled for Monday, February 25 at 7 p.m. Directions are in the *Communicator*.
* Is our PTA actively involved in creating our school district’s Local Control and Accountability Plan? The *Communicator* lists some resources at CAPTA.org, Ed100.org and EdSource.org that will help us participate in an informed manner.
* The four superintendents who spoke at the Advocacy Roundtable in January made it clear that they want and seek parent involvement and that parents have made a real difference in their districts.
* California State PTA has launched a campaign with Create California to advocate for arts programs for all children, kindergarten through high school. You can sign up at www.createca.org

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