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

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

* Governor Newsom issued his “May revise” budget, which includes more money for education. Total funding for education, including early child hood programs, would be $147 billion, about $3.8 billion more than the current year. About $1.5 billion would go to several early childhood programs, one of the governor’s priorities. There would also be more money to train and retain teachers, promote computer science education and help school districts deal with rising pension costs. Special education funding would increase by about 21 percent and about $400 million would go into an education Rainy Day fund.
* The May revision also asks for a statute that would regulate how charter schools accept students.
* During the next weeks state lawmakers will work with the governor to develop a final state budget. The state Constitution requires the legislators to complete the budget by June 15 and the governor must sign it by June 30.
* California State PTA issued a statement saying the budget is a smart investment but does not fix the long-term needs of schools. “As schools continue to struggle with growing expenses, we urge the governor and the legislature to develop a plan to bring California education funding to the levels of our highest-performing states.”
* A bill being considered in the Legislature is designed to do just that. AB 39 sets a goal of increasing the base grant in the Local Control Funding Formula until it reaches the national average in per pupil spending. It is estimated that this would require an additional $33 billion. California State PTA supports this bill, which was passed by the Assembly in May. It must be approved by the State Senate and signed by the Governor in order to become law.
* Our school district should be finishing up the LCAP process for this year. Now is a good time to review and reflect on the revised LCAP and our involvement in developing it. The *Communicator* has some good questions to ask ourselves.

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