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

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

* California State PTA is supporting two state initiatives dealing with school funding:
  + One is a $15 billion school facilities bond that will be on the March 2020 ballot for approval by voters.
  + The Schools and Communities First initiative would require commercial and industrial real estate property to be taxed at the current market value. This would raise between $6.5 billion and $11.5 billion a year, and 40 percent of that would go to schools. California State PTA is urging members to help collect signatures to get this on the November 2020 ballot.
* If our school district is running a local school facilities bond our PTA can be actively involved in supporting it, if our members vote to approve it. There’s more information in the *Communicator* and at fourthdistrictpta.org
* The Orange County Department of Education has submitted two budgets to the State Department of Education, one signed by the county superintendent and the other submitted by three county school board members. Neither one was approved by the State Department of Education, putting the county in an unprecedented situation.
* The Fourth District PTA Advocacy Forum on January 24 will have a panel of superintendents from four Orange County school districts and Orange County Superintendent Al Mijares. It’s always very interesting to hear from our local superintendents. This is free and open to all PTA members.
* The next California State PTA advocacy conference call is on Wednesday, February 5. Directions are in the *Communicator*.
* Registration fees for Sacramento Safari go up on December 17. We should register now!

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