**Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, February 2020**

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

* Governor Gavin Newsom issued his proposed state budget for 2020-21. It has a $3.8 billion increase in funding for K-12 schools. Most of that is dedicated to Newsom’s education priorities: teacher recruitment, special education, and assisting the lowest performing school districts. About $1.2 billion would come to school districts through the Local Control Funding Formula. School districts get to decide how to spend that money.
* **This is important!** There is a Prop. 13 on the March Primary Election Ballot, but this proposition has nothing to do with the other Prop. 13. It does not abolish the other Prop. 13 and it would have no impact on your property taxes. This Prop. 13 is a $15 billion school facilities bond. Most of that money would go to K-12 schools and preschools. California State PTA supports this proposition. Please read your voter materials before voting!
* The next California State PTA Advocacy call is on Wednesday, March 4. Directions are in the *Communicator*.
* There was a lot of interesting information at the Fourth District PTA Advocacy Forum with four Orange County school superintendents. For example, did you know that at some schools in the Anaheim Elementary School District 20 percent of the students are homeless?
* Don’t forget that we have a new way of voting in Orange County, starting with the March 3 Primary Election. Everyone will get a vote-by-mail ballot. You can mail it back to the Registrar of Voters, deposit it in a Ballot Drop Box, or cast your ballot at any Vote Center in Orange County.
* Sacramento Safari Orientation is on Friday, February 14.

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