**Teleconferencing Points for Legislative Chairs, April 2020**

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

* Schools are closed and the State Legislature is shut down but the work of the PTA goes on. The April *Communicator* has a list of bills that California State PTA is supporting. Did you know that Kindergarten currently is not mandatory?
* The federal relief package recently signed by the President includes billions of dollars for higher education, school districts, child care, Head Start, and food programs.
* Since we’re all stuck at home, this is a good time to go through all the lessons at Ed100.org and become educated advocates. You might win $1,000 for our PTA!
* A state audit found that the Lottery has underpaid its contribution to education for several years. The Lottery owes schools $36 million for the 2017-18 year alone. A bill was introduced to require the Lottery to pay that amount and any other shortfalls. California State PTA supports that bill.
* By the way, a lot of people think that the Lottery is the solution to school funding, but it isn’t. It only provides about 1 percent of the annual state education budget.
* Our Orange County school district superintendents are staying in touch with each other and with the Orange County superintendent of schools as they deal with the Covid-19 crisis and make decisions about school closures.
* Did you get your 2020 Census notification in the mail? Be sure to go online and submit your information. Census data will determine how much federal funding we get for schools and will be used to draw the lines for legislative districts.
* California State PTA Advocacy Webinars are continuing. The next two are scheduled for April 1 and May 6. Details are in the *Communicator.*
* The April 3 Advocacy Forum and the State PTA Convention have been cancelled.

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