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

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

* The National PTA is calling for action. We need to contact our federal legislators and tell them that our schools need more money to recover from this pandemic. You can do that easily at PTA.org under Advocacy, or follow the link in the newsletter.
* The newsletter has a couple of articles that highlight why we need federal help. A blog by former California State PTA President Carol Kocivar describes five actions that need to be taken right away, most of which involve federal funding increases. A blog by Jeff Camp talks about the reasons why California’s school funding is insufficient.
* The *Communicator* also lists several articles at EdSource.org that provide important information about how California schools will deal with the pandemic.
* School districts will not be required to submit their Local Control and Accountability Plans by July 1 this year. Instead they will develop one-year plans describing how they will meet the challenges of this pandemic. Those reports are due to the county department of education by December 15.
* Petitions to put the Schools and Communities First initiative on the November 2020 ballot were turned in with more than 1.7 million signatures. The petition would change property tax requirements only for commercial and industrial property and would raise up to $12 billion in additional funding per year, with 40 percent of that going to schools.
* The last California State PTA advocacy webinar will be held on Wednesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. Directions are in the *Communicator*.

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