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

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

* There is a $17.8 billion shortfall in the amount of funding our schools should receive for this school year. California State PTA is calling for the state to create new revenue streams and for the passage of Prop. 15, which would result in an additional $2.6 to $4.6 billion in funding for schools and community colleges.
* Every voter is getting a ballot in the mail this year. There are several options for returning them to the Registrar of Voters. You can vote in person at any Vote Center in Orange County for five days up to and including Election Day on November 3.
* The California State PTA Advocacy Webinar scheduled for October 3 has been cancelled. The *Communicator* has a link where you can read and subscribe to the California State PTA *Advocacy Insider.*
* The superintendents forum will be held on Thursday, November 12 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. It’s always very interesting to hear about what’s going on in our Orange County school districts.
* The *Communicator* has a list of online resources that we can use to be well-informed advocates for our children. You can also get an Advocacy Resource Notebook for $15 at the Fourth District PTA office.
* California State PTA helped to pass a state law that outlaws the sale of flavored tobacco and vaping products to children and adults. However, the tobacco industry is funding a petition drive to require a referendum, which would put the law on hold until voters decide whether to keep or reject the law in the next general election.
* Only a few bills that CAPTA was supporting made it into law this year. Three are listed in the *Communicator*.
* Votersedge.org is a good place to get nonpartisan information about federal, state and local candidates and the state propositions.

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