**Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, January 2021**

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

* California schools will receive $6.8 billion from the federal Covid-19 relief package that was signed into law in December. The *Communicator* has a link to a database that shows how much each school district will receive.
* The California legislature will reconvene on January 11. Lawmakers will start looking at the budget, which will include deciding what to do with an unexpected windfall that could go as high as $36 billion.
* State lawmakers have started introducing bills. One bill would make Kindergarten mandatory, another would require a one-semester ethnics class in high school, and an emergency measure would require all schools to open for in-person instruction two weeks after state and county health departments determine it is safe to do so. California State PTA has not yet taken a position on any of these bills.
* California State PTA participated in the development of Governor Newsom’s school reopening plan. The *Communicator* has links to three documents regarding that plan.
* The newsletter also has information about four PTA virtual advocacy events:
	+ The Fourth District PTA Advocacy Forum, January 22
	+ California State PTA Legislation Conference, February 8 and 9
	+ Sacramento Safari, February 22 and 23
	+ National PTA Legislative Conference, March 9 to 11

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