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

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

* California is developing a Cradle-to-Career Data System to track students from early childhood to entrance into working careers. Work on this system began last year. The governor’s budget includes $15 million to continue the development of the data base, which combines information from numerous sources and is designed to help policymakers make more informed budget and policy decisions.
* California State PTA has a “watch” position on AB 99, which authorizes the continuing development of the data base. A resolution approved by convention delegates supports the idea of a longitudinal data base.
* The next California State PTA Advocacy Webinar will be from 7 to 8 p.m. on April 7. Details are in the Communicator.
* The National PTA Legislative Conference in March included virtual visits to Congress to present five requests. The requests dealt with the COVID relief package (which was approved the day of the visits), Statewide Family Engagement Centers (California doesn’t have one), an infrastructure package for schools, the federal school meal program, and legislation to prohibit seclusion, restraints and corporal punishment in schools.
* Last month’s Communicator listed several state bills that California State PTA is supporting and there are five more in this issue.
* Fourth District PTA hopes to be back in Sacramento for next year’s Sacramento Safari. We need to include about $700 in our PTA budget for that.

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