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

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

* There are lots of reasons why PTA advocacy is important. The Communicator lists several of them and has some good ideas for building our advocacy program next year.
* This month Governor Newsom will issue his May revise, an updated proposed state budget based on more accurate tax revenue information. As he negotiates the budget with state lawmakers, decisions will be made about school reopening in the fall. The newsletter has a link to an important article related to this by Shereen Walter, the State PTA Director of Legislation.
* The dates for the 2022 Sacramento Safari have been changed to March 7 and 8. If all goes well, the Safari will be back in the state Capitol.
* The Communicator has a list of bills that State PTA is supporting. Some of the subjects include expanding transitional kindergarten to all 4-year-olds, an emergency hotline for suicidal individuals, and grants for mental health issues.
* Fourth District PTA has formed a task force to address diversity, equity and inclusion in our PTA district.
* The California State PTA Convention starts on May3. There will be six workshops dealing with advocacy. There is also important business to be done, including the adoption of a proposed resolution and the election of state officers.

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