**Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, January 2022**

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

* The state budget process for the 2022-23 fiscal year will begin with the governor’s proposed budget, which must be presented by January 10. This year the governor and lawmakers will have to decide what to do with a $31 billion surplus. The newsletter has an article listing the steps that are taken in developing the final budget.
* The virtual Fourth District PTA Advocacy Forum on Friday, January 21, will feature several of our Orange County school superintendents. It’s always very interesting to hear about how things are going in our schools around the county.
* Registration is open for Sacramento Safari, March 7 and 8 in our state Capitol. Who is going?
* A new statewide student tracking system is being developed over the next five years to gather information about students from preschool to the workforce. The system will be open to the public but information about individual students will be private.
* The newsletter has a brief description of the law-making process in California.
* The old Annex office building next to the historic state Capitol will be demolished and replaced, unless a lawsuit by some activists is successful.
* The next legislative briefing with California State PTA is on January 18 at 7 p.m.

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