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

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

* Are we going to have a candidate forum for our school board election in the fall? If so, we should start planning now.
* Spend your summer reading the lessons at Ed.100.org and by the fall you’ll be a powerful, well-informed advocate.
* The May 3 candidate forum for Orange County Superintendent of Schools and the Orange County Board of Education was recorded. If you missed the forum you can watch it on the Fourth District PTA website.
* Kevin Gordon will be the guest speaker at the California State PTA Advocacy Briefing on May 24. He will talk about the Governor’s May revise budget proposal and how that impacts our schools.
* Votersedge.org has nonpartisan information about federal, state and local candidates in the June 7 Primary Election.
* The election in June is a top-two open primary. For partisan offices like U.S. senator, U.S. representative, governor, state senate and assembly, and other state offices, all of the candidates are on everyone’s ballot, no matter what party you registered with. The two candidates who get the most votes, regardless of party affiliation, advance to the General Election in November. For nonpartisan offices like county superintendent of schools, the county school board, county supervisors, and judges, the candidate who gets the majority of votes in June is elected. If no one gets a majority, the two top candidates advance to the General Election.
* The newsletter has a statement from PTA about the President’s proposed budget for 2023. The reaction is positive.
* The Food and Drug Administration has not fully approved COVID-19 vaccines for children, so there will be no COVID vaccine mandate for students for the 2022-23 school year.
* Are we ready for PTA advocacy next year? We need to make sure advocacy is in our budget, including $700 to send someone to Sacramento Safari in 2023.

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