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

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

* California is starting the school year with another record-breaking education budget. There is additional money for mental health services, Transitional Kindergarten, STEM education, school construction, and various interventions to help students recover from educational lags due to COVID. We need to pay attention to how our district is spending this money and be ready to give our input.
* All PTA members are invited to the Fourth District PTA Advocacy Training Workshop on September 16 at the Orange County Department of Education. There is always a lot of important information at these events!
* California State PTA is urging yes votes on two of the propositions on the November ballot. Prop 28 would provide new funding to assure that all students in kindergarten through high school get arts and music instruction. Prop. 31 is a referendum that asks voters to approve SB 793, which bans the sale of flavored tobacco products. CAPTA is a strong supporter of SB 793 because flavored tobacco products are enticing many of our young people to begin smoking. Tobacco companies have spent more than $21 million to try to keep this law from going into effect.
* Last February, Fourth District PTA members voted to support SB 286, which would have changed the election for Orange County School Board members from the Primary to the General Election. The bill was held back in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, which effectively killed it.
* The Communicator has a list of websites to help us be informed voters for the November General Election.

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