**Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, January 2023**

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

* Since 2019 the state has been working on the development of a Cradle-to-Career Data System that will combine information from numerous state agencies and education institutions about children from infancy to after college graduation. This will help determine what programs work the best to help children succeed. The online system will roll out over the next five years. It will be open to the public and provide resources to students and parents. Individual information about students will be protected.
* Sacramento Safari is coming up next month! Are we ready to go?
* The Fourth District Advocacy Forum will be held on January 20 at the Orange County Department of Education. The program will be announced soon.
* National PTA is doing a virtual Legislative Conference on March 7 and 8. This is a great opportunity to find out what PTA is doing on the national level.
* The California School Dashboard is back with a new look. The Dashboard provides information about our schools that we can use as we get involved in the development of our school district’s Local Control and Accountability Plan.
* California voters approved Prop. 31, which allowed the statewide ban on candy- and fruit-flavored tobacco products to go into effect. Tobacco companies are still trying to fight it, but their request to the Supreme Court to block the law was turned down.
* The California State PTA Legislation Conference will be held March 20 and 21 in Sacramento. There will be more information soon at capta.org.
* The next CAPTA Advocacy Webinar on January 17 will be about the governor’s proposed state budget. A link to register is in the newsletter.
* The 28th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County has been released. It has a lot of information and much of it is broken down by city or school district.

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