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

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

* California expects a $22 billion drop in tax revenues this year, but Governor Newsom wants to maintain most of the funding for public education. His budget proposal includes an 8.1 cost of living increase, which would mean an additional $4.2 billion for schools through the Local Control Funding Formula. Per pupil funding would be at the highest level ever.
* The governor’s proposal is only the first step in the budget process. State lawmakers will come up with their own proposals. The governor will issue a revised proposal in May, when there is more information about tax revenues. Legislators are required to pass a budget by June 15.
* Registration is still open for Sacramento Safari, back in the state capitol this year. We don’t want to miss this!
* The State PTA Legislative Conference will be on March 20 and 21 in Sacramento. This is another opportunity for us to find out what is going on the capitol.
* Some of our state senate districts have two senators. Some have no senator, but the Senate Rules Committee has assigned senators to represent those areas for the next two years. The Communicator has an article that explains why this happened.
* The Local Control Funding Formula is 10 years old and there is some evidence that it has made a difference at schools that serve high-needs students.
* This year’s Creative Edge speaker is Dr. Maria Rosario Jackson, chair of the National Endowment for the Arts. Her presentation is at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7. It’s free but you need to register.
* This month’s State PTA Advocacy Webinar takes place on Tuesday, February 21, from 7 to 8 p.m. The link to register in advance is in the newsletter.
* The National PTA Legislative Conference will be virtual and will take place on March 7 and 8. This would be a great way to find out what PTA is doing on a national level.

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