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

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

* California is starting the school year with a strong education budget that includes an 8.2 percent cost of living increase, funding for the arts and dyslexia screening, programs to assist at-risk students, and money to supply all middle and high schools with opioid overdose medication. However, the Legislative Analyst’s Office thinks the revenue projections are too optimistic and that there could be trouble down the road.
* Fourth District PTA Advocacy Training is coming up on September 29. There will be lots of great information and it’s free.
* The 2022-23 Orange County Grand Jury issued three reports dealing with children in Orange County: one on fentanyl use, one on school shootings, and one on homeless children. These can be great resources for advocates who want to address one of these issues.
* The Communicator has a list of resources that we can use to educate ourselves on advocacy issues. There is also an interesting blog on CAPTA.org by our new State PTA Director of Legislation, Kathleen Fay.
* Lawmakers in Sacramento are finishing up their legislative session. September 14 is the last day they can pass a bill. The legislators will then go on break until January 3. The governor has until October 14 to sign or veto the bills.

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