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

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

* The Orange County Board of Education (OCBE) wants to take over the duties of a county committee, which would include drawing the lines of the districts from which the county board members are elected. The OCBE has sent a request to the California State Board of Education to approve that change. Fourth District PTA members voted in September to write a letter opposing that request. The reasons are in the Communicator.
* Our state legislators are on recess until January, so this is a great time to visit them in their local offices. Shall we organize a visit?
* Every year our school district has to renew our Local Control and Accountability Plan, or LCAP, which describes how our district will spend its money. This is something we parents should be involved in. The Communicator lists some resources to help us prepare for that.
* The Fourth District PTA Advocacy Forum on September29 was packed with great information and we got to meet our State PTA President Shereen Walter, who comes from Orange County. The next forum will be on Thursday, November 9. You won’t want to miss it!
* There are a couple of important blogs on the Ed100 website. One is about a new series of videos explaining California’s education system and the other is about teaching kids to vote.
* The Communicator also has a nice story about how arts education can change a life.

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