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

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

* Gov. Newsom has added new requirements regarding how school districts use their Local Control Funding Formula money to provide additional help to the lowest-performing student groups. Some district administrators are complaining about the amount of work this adds to the development of the Local Control and Accountability Plan that every district must complete.
* In December the California School Dashboard, the state’s online school accountability system, will show complete school ratings for the first time since before the pandemic.
* Sacramento Safari is coming up in February! Who is going?
* Last month we heard that the Orange County Board of Education (OCBE) sent a petition to the state Board of Education asking to take over the duties of a countywide committee that sets the trustee areas for the county board. Fourth District PTA members voted to send a letter to the state objecting to that change. OCBE has withdrawn its petition but intends to resubmit it at a later date.
* The Communicator has information about the results of statewide tests that were administered in the spring. Statewide the test results were pretty flat, but Orange County schools generally did better.
* California State PTA is holding its Legislation Conference in Sacramento in January. If we can’t go the Fourth District PTA Safari, this is a good alternative and a fun way to network with PTA members from all over the state.

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