**Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, JANUARY 2024**

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

* We have had several years of record-breaking education budgets, but now the state is looking at a $68 billion deficit for the next fiscal year, according to the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst’s Office. Schools are likely to see funding cuts.
* California’s state budget has a history of dramatic ups and downs. This happens because about 60 percent of state revenues come from wealthy residents whose incomes are attached to the fortunes of the stock market. School districts have to cope with constantly fluctuating state revenues. PTA has long advocated for a more stable tax system.
* Registration for Sacramento Safari closes at the end of the month. Who is going?
* Three seats on the Orange County Board of Education are up for election in the March 5 Primary. An incumbent and one challenger are running for each of the seats. There’s more information in the newsletter.
* The Fourth District PTA Advocacy Forum on January 19 will be an idea-sharing session. It’s a great opportunity to hear advocacy ideas from around our county.
* The Orange County Social Services Agency has released its Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County. It has a lot of information and you can read it online.

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