**Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, March 2025**

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

* National PTA is urging us to contact our national legislators regarding two issues. President Trump wants to get rid of the federal Department of Education, which provides essential programs that “cannot be dismantled or reallocated without having devastating impacts on the children, families and schools they serve.” Representative Suzanne Bonamici of Oregon has introduced a resolution to protect the Department of Education. There’s a link in the newsletter that allows you to easily send a message supporting her resolution.
* The other issue is a federal bill to create a nationalized voucher program that would send tax dollars to private and religious schools and homeschooling. This would undermine funding for public schools. The newsletter has a link to help you send a message regarding this as well.
* The people who went to Sacramento Safari heard from a variety of speakers. Some of their key points are in the newsletter.
* Save Friday, April 25, for another wonderful Fourth District PTA Advocacy Forum.
* Sacramento Safari included small-groups visiting state legislators’ offices to bring our PTA messages. They talked about four points:
	+ Thank you for increasing education funding and improving services in our schools.
	+ The effects of climate change must be addressed.
	+ It is imperative for schools to be safe places for children and families.
	+ Our public education system needs a stable long-term funding source.

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