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

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

* Funding for school programs was maintained or even increased in the state budget that was passed this summer. Some funding was deferred and Prop. 98 was suspended, and all of the state’s education rainy day fund was drained. If the economy doesn’t pick up, next year may be tougher.
* Fourth District PTA voted in June to support SB 907. This bill would increase the number of trustees on the Orange County Board of Education from five to seven and would move the election of board members from the primary election to the general election.
* Dr. Al Mijares, the longtime Orange County superintendent of schools, resigned due to illness and the Orange County Board of Education appointed Dr. Stefan Bean to replace him. There are links to his unusual life story in the newsletter.
* The Communicator has important information about how PTA can be involved in elections. PTA never supports or opposes candidates but we can encourage informed voting. We have to take care that candidates do not use PTA meetings for campaigning.
* PTA also encourages young people to become responsible citizens. The newsletter has a link to CAPTA resources that will help us do that.
* There is a calendar of advocacy events in the Communicator. The first thing coming up is the Advocacy Training Workshop on October 4.
* California State PTA supports propositions 2, 3, 4 and 5 on the November ballot.
* CAPTA has virtual advocacy calls scheduled in October, November and December. Join in and get the latest news from our state PTA advocacy team.
* Sacramento Safari is coming up on February 24 and 25. It’s the most exciting advocacy event of the year. Are we planning to send someone?

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