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

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

* At its virtual convention this summer, National PTA adopted an amendment to the resolution on Safe Storage of Firearms supporting legislation that requires adults to be accountable for storing their firearms safely. Guns are the leading cause of death for children under the age of 19.
* An article in the *Communicator* gives a brief explanation of why California State PTA is supporting each of four propositions on the November ballot. Each of the measures could significantly impact the lives of California’s children, youth and families.
* There will be lots of valuable information at the Fourth District PTA Advocacy Training Workshop on October 4. Speakers include Shereen Walter, our California State PTA President, and Dr. Stefan Bean, the new Orange County Superintendent of Schools.
* A number of bills that California State PTA supported and that passed into law are listed in the *Communicator*.
* Sacramento Safari sounds like an exciting, interesting experience. Are we sending someone?
* The first phase of the state’s Cradle-to-Career Data System will be online soon. This database will track children from early childhood to their working careers. We’ll be able to see what programs and strategies work the best in the long term.
* The next California State PTA Advocacy Call is on October 21 at 7 p.m. The *Communicator* has the link that allows you to sign up.

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