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

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

* Governor Newsom’s proposed budget for 2025-26 maintains funding for public education. School districts would get an additional $2.5 billion through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). There would also be funding for a list of education priorities, including Transitional Kindergarten, career education, literacy programs, and universal school meals. However, the situation could change due to fluctuations in the financial markets and decisions by President Trump.
* Most of the money that schools receive comes through LCFF. The newsletter explains how the money is distributed. All school districts get a base amount depending on the number of students they serve and their grade levels. Districts then get additional money for students who are high needs and require extra help.
* Like all school districts, our district is required to develop a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) to explain how our district will use LCFF money. We PTA members should be involved in that process. (There are lots of resources at CAPTA.org to help you do that.)
* Last chance to sign up for Sacramento Safari!
* The speaker at the January Advocacy Forum talked about how to advocate with your local school district. Her advice is included in the newsletter.
* One of the things we should be advocating for is arts education, which is a vital part of a child’s development. The CreateCA website has a lot of ideas and resources to help with that.
* In November, State Senator Janet Nguyen was elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors, so there will be a special election on February 25 to replace her. Four people are running for the seat. If no one gets a majority of votes, there will be a runoff for the top two vote getters on April 29.

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