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

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

* California State PTA has taken support positions on a number of proposed state bills, including three that would set rules about ICE agents coming into schools. CAPTA opposes several bills, including some that would provide taxpayer money for private and religious schools, something PTA has opposed for many years.
* The next Advocacy Forum will be on Friday, April 25, in Fountain Valley. Several legislators will be there to talk about what is happening in education.
* The California State PTA Convention will be held in Ontario this year. Are we sending any delegates? Delegates will vote on a proposed resolution that calls for measures to protect children with cognitive disabilities who bolt or wander away.
* Convention delegates will also adopt Legislation Policies, which are used in deciding which bills to support or oppose. Elections will be held for State PTA officers for the next two-year term.
* There will be lots of informative workshops at the Convention, including five that deal with advocacy. Who is going?
* President Trump is trying to close down the federal Department of Education. National PTA President Yvonne Johnson says this “breaks America’s promise of education for all children and is a severe threat to ensuring every child has every opportunity to reach their full potential.”
* Do we have an issue that we want State PTA to take a position on? If we want to propose a resolution at next year’s state convention we need to start working on it now.

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