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## REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION MEETING

As a California State PTA member, your voice matters. This year, doing things that matter seems more important than ever. Although we will miss seeing our fellow PTA members in person, we're excited to hold a state-wide online meeting. This is a unique opportunity to include more members in the decision-making process.

At the **2020 Statewide Association Meeting** we will be deciding together how California State PTA will advocate for children and families for years to come.

Join us from from **7:00-9:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 9, Wednesday June 10, and Thursday June 11** for the meeting. **Please note:** Hearings for resolutions and the legislative platform will take place the week prior to the statewide association meeting (on June 2, 3, and 4), so be sure to register by **June 1st** so you can participate!

Visit our [Statewide Association Meeting web pages](#) to get information on the schedule of hearings and meetings, to read the resolutions and legislation platform, and to understand registration requirements. If you're ready to register now, [click here](#) to go straight to the registration portal.



## NEW CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES ON CAPTA.ORG

We are constantly updating the [COVID-19 pages](#) on our website with information and resources that are relevant to you. For example this month we added the following to the [COVID-19 Resources for Parents, Families and](#)

[Educators page:](#)

- Tools for mental and emotional well-being from organizations such as Child Trends, ACES Aware, and the Positive Coaching Alliance
- 200 free at-home activities and resources for children in pre-K through 12th from the US Census bureau, which help kids learn why it's important to count everyone in the 2020 Census
- Notes from the Backpack: Tackling COVID-19 Anxiety Together – This episode of the popular podcast from National PTA features advice from psychologist Dr. Erlanger "Earl" Turner about how to stay happy, healthy and learning during this difficult time

## WHY NEXT GEN SCIENCE IS A GOOD FIT FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

Covid-19 has changed a huge number of things for kids, families and schools. But turns out that California's new approach to science instruction, called the Next Generation Science Standards or NGSS, works really well to support science education in our new distance-learning world.

Click here to read the new [op-ed piece on our blog](#) about what NGSS is, and how its phenomenon-based approach lends itself well to learning outside of a traditional classroom setting.



## THE VALUE OF PTA MEMBERSHIP

In the spring edition of [Member Perks](#), we brought you some excellent offers and discounts that can help you get through the pandemic: discounts on Smart & Final products and a link to grants that can help your PTA; access to low-cost or free internet through CETF; and auto loan refinancing from SkyOne.

But Member Perks are only one way that your PTA membership can serve you well. Members and their families also get the following: access to scholarships and grants; a "seat at the table" when important decisions are made at your child's school or school district; the ability to help advance local, state and national laws that benefit families and children; and access to a variety of programs and materials that help improve learning, creativity and civic engagement.



## NOW IS THE TIME FOR PARENT ADVOCACY!

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has overwhelmed the state's capacity to adequately support the education, health and welfare of California's children. What can parents do to cushion this blow? You can speak up and advocate for more money: More money from the federal government, more money at the ballot box, and more revenue in the state budget.

**TAKE ACTION**

Here are three steps you can take:

- 1. Contact your state representatives:** Let them know what the impact of the proposed budget will be on your school. To find your representatives, [click here](#).
- 2. Advocate for More Federal Funding:** Contact your federal representatives and ask them to support an additional \$200 billion in federal funds for schools. Unless Congress acts, schools will experience major budget cuts triggered by the pandemic. [Click here](#) to send a message to your federal representatives.

3. Help pass the [Schools and Communities First](#) ballot initiative, which is on the November ballot: This could raise about \$11.5 billion dollars each year for our schools and local communities. [Click here](#) to volunteer.

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE RESOURCE LIBRARY?

California State PTA's new online Resource Library is chock full of at-home learning activities, videos and documents that support the Next Generation Science Standards - and a whole lot more!

This month's featured resources include **STEM engagement activities** for kids, the best **STEM books** for kids, and a tool to help parents become a **more active STEM learning partner** to their child.

Why not give it a try? It's easy - use the search function to quickly find what you need by keyword, category, topic, audience type, grade level, and language. [Click here](#) to browse.



## COLLEGE BOARD PLANNING AT-HOME SAT TESTS

College Board, one of California State PTA's education partners, has indicated that if schools do not reopen in the fall, it will offer a digital version of the SAT that can be administered at home.



"We know students and educators are worried about how the coronavirus may disrupt the college admissions process, and we want to do all we can to help alleviate that anxiety during this very demanding time," College Board CEO David Coleman said in a recent interview. "In the unfortunate and unlikely possibility that schools do not open this fall, the College Board will be ready to provide a digital SAT at home."

College Board is already allowing students to take a modified version of the AP exam at home, and says that if they end up delivering SAT tests at home, they will "work with states and school districts to provide technology or Wi-Fi hot spots to ensure that any student who wishes to take the SAT can do so."

Check College Board's [SAT webpage](#) regularly for new developments.

## TAKE ACTION!

**Stay Connected  
During the Outbreak**



**Pre-Registration  
Available in TOTEM on June 1**



**Cover Up  
With Class!**



CETF can help families affected by COVID-19 find low-cost or free internet and computer solutions.  
**LEARN MORE**

Want to register early for the next year of PTA? As of June 1, you'll be able to do so via the TOTEM e-membership system!  
**LEARN MORE**

The PTA Store is now selling stylish two-ply, premium fabric cotton masks. They come with either the PTA or PTSA logo. Order some now!  
**SHOP NOW**

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