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Legislation Team

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HOW PTAS CAN ADVOCATE AS SCHOOLS REOPEN



Now that the Governor and Legislature have come to agreement on the details surrounding the \$2 billion to incentivize schools to reopen for in-person learning, what can your PTA do?

Get inspired by the ideas and suggestions in [this article](#) on the California State PTA blog, written by Shereen Walter, Director of Legislation.

NATIONAL PTA LEGISLATION CONFERENCE RECAP



National PTA hosted its annual Legislation Conference this year on March 9-10. Conducted virtually for the first time, it attracted nearly 700 PTA members nationwide. Included in that number were 80 members of the California State PTA. The California contingent was split up into 14 teams. We were able to meet with the offices of both our Senators as well as over 30 of our Congressmembers. In addition to the virtual Hill Visits, we also participated in a number of workshops and presentations on improving our advocacy, empowering parents to take action on climate change, school nutrition, employing inclusive and supportive practices, supporting parents during the pandemic, and more.

The critical issues we spoke about with our legislators in the virtual visits included:

- Improving the federal school meal program through Child Nutrition Reauthorization.
- Supporting policies which protect all students, including students from historically marginalized populations and communities.

For more details on National PTA legislation priorities, [click here](#).

Please contact our Federal Advocate, Derby Pattengill, at dpattengill@capta.org with any questions regarding PTA advocacy at the federal level.

IT'S TIME FOR A RENEWED FOCUS ON THE OLD LCAP



The Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) process was turned on its head last year with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, but as California looks towards a post-pandemic school year, parents and schools should consider looking to their school district's original LCAP to help guide them.

[Click here](#) here to read Leg Team member Kathleen Fay's timely and informative article on this topic on the California State PTA blog.

MAY 5 ADVOCACY WEBINAR: CANCELLED



Due to conflicts with pre-convention activities, the monthly advocacy webinar on **Wednesday, May 5, 2021** has been **cancelled**.

Don't miss the excellent advocacy-focused workshops being offered at convention:

- What Does PTA Do in Sacramento Anyway?
- Hot Topics Affecting our Children and Schools
- Hot Topics in Washington DC
- You CAN Create Strong Parent Leaders. Here's How.
- Local Advocacy, From Your Kids to All Children

Please join us for the final webinar of the 2020-21 term on Wednesday, **June 2, 2021** from 7:00-8:00 p.m. as we discuss the latest legislation affecting families and children and our recent advocacy efforts.

Registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/31940121174953740>

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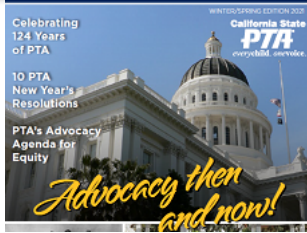
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