

Legislation Conference 2021

Talking Points



MEET California State PTA:

- **PTA members** in over 3,300 schools across the state
- **160 volunteer advocates** meeting with their legislators this week as part of our conference!

Choose 2 or 3 of these that are important to your community

INTRODUCTION

- PTA believes that all children deserve a quality education regardless of the community in which they live, the color of their skin, their language, their gender identity, or their immigration status.

POVERTY, INCOME AND RACIAL EQUITY

- PTA is seeking legislation to address poverty, and the income and racial inequities that affect millions of California's families.

HEALTH & WELFARE

- PTA supports school and community programs that protect the health and welfare of children and families, and support items in the state budget including money for:
 - Community schools
 - School based health services
 - Counselors
 - School nutrition

EDUCATION

- California's school finance system must provide stable, adequate and equitable funding to meet the diverse needs of all our students, including before and after-school programs, summer school and distance learning.
- We support the recruitment and development of an educator workforce that is reflective of the students at each school with qualified and effective teachers delivering a full curriculum that includes the arts, P.E., and civics.
- All students deserve an education that prepares them for successful participation in society and entry into college and the work force.
- Coursework must address racism and bias to counteract institutional and structural biases that often drive inequitable outcomes for students.

SCHOOL REOPENING

- Schools should not open in person unless it is safe for students, staff and their families.
- School districts must provide opportunities for input and feedback from parents before and during school reopening planning and implementation.
- Parent and families should be provided with choice in determining whether their child returns to the classroom full or part time.