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President's Report by Wanda Waltman

As we move into the second half of the PTA school year, increasing the membership in the PTA and reaching out to new members in your school and community continues to be a very important component of your PTA activities. The PTA's strength lies in its membership which gives our organization the powerful voice it needs to speak for all children.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers involved in the Reflections Program at the unit, council and district level who have devoted so many hours in making this wonderful program such a success. The Reflections Program is a marvelous opportunity for students to showcase their creative energies in so many ways.

At the Founder's Day Luncheon on February 18, scholarships were awarded to four graduating high school seniors who showed outstanding community or school volunteerism, overcame personal hardships or who best exemplified PTA values. Congratulations to Reggie Chriss (Antioch High), Maggie Ridenhour (Las Lomas High), Stephanie Wraith (San Ramon Valley High) and Nicole Tabone (College Park High).

This is the time of the year when the Nominating Committee should be up and running, preparing a proposed slate of officers for the next school year that will need to be presented to the membership 30 days prior to the election meeting. The date for the election meeting is found in your bylaws. It is very important that the new board be elected as soon

as possible in order for them to begin preparing for the start of their term, setting goals, planning events and setting a budget. An early election also gives the new board members ample time to make arrangements for attending the State PTA Convention in April where they will have a variety of very informative training workshops to select from. Once the officers are elected, their contact information needs to be sent to District (by May1) so they will receive the very important information from State that is sent over the summer. The information is hugely helpful in getting the new school year off to a smooth start.

The 32nd District General Membership meeting on March 28th will include an informative program on the State budget crisis and how that is affecting our schools as well as a training on how to do a "five minute audit". We will also be recognizing Gregory Gardens Elementary for the award they received from National PTA for the outstanding events they sponsored during "Take Your Family to School Week. These events brought the school community together to share and celebrate in their kids' learning. Congratulations Gregory Gardens Elementary!

Advocacy Day, sponsored by two of our councils, is on March 29th and it is an opportunity to travel to Sacramento to hear from our legislators, educators, analysts and advocates regarding the state budget and education.

Now is the time to begin planning for the California State PTA Convention which will be April 28-May 1 in Long

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Important Due Dates



NOTE: All PTA units are in a council. Check list above for your council and council treasurer/council financial secretary contact information.

Payment	Due Date from Unit to Council	Due Date from Council to District
Workers’ Comp form and payment if payroll >\$1,000. Additional W/C ins. Rate is 3.5%	Check with Council	January 15
<u>Last day to remit to avoid charter withdrawal for nonpayment</u>	Check with Council	March 15

Continue to file tax returns, even if you missed the November 15, 2010 deadline.

Per capita should be remitted through channels (unit to council to district) at least monthly. Invitations to join PTA should continue to be extended throughout the year.

December 31 audits should be completed-, approved and sent up through channels—check your bylaws for audit report due dates.

A Message from Our County Superintendent of Schools

Joseph A. Ovick, Ed.D.



Daily in the newspapers, as well as on the radio and television, we hear about the drastic reductions that are occurring in our K-12 education system throughout the state of California as a result of the state's overspending in the past, the Recession, and a myriad of other challenges.

K-12 education funding has taken a disproportionate amount of the budget cuts in the state of California. The schools that our children attend represent 40% of the state budget and, yet, over the last three years, 60% of the state budget reductions have occurred in education. Approximately \$18 billion has been lost, or about \$1,900 per student, in the last three years. What this has created is a situation where our children are on a collision course with the future. Due to the rapidity of change in today's world, we are unable to imagine what the adult world will hold for our children. We do know that we want our children to receive a quality education; have the resources necessary to be able to achieve academically, socially, and emotionally; to be good citizens; to be kind to themselves and one another; and to value the community in which they live and the world as a community.

Schools play an integral role in the development of a child. Educators work hand and hand with parents and families to ensure the best possible education for all of our young people. In the midst of the uncertainty of future funding for public education in our state, it is imperative that on a daily basis we focus on what is important for our children to still feel safe, secure, and comfortable in their daily school experience. To accomplish this, it is important for parents, educators, and PTA to never lose sight of our young people and to work with them so that they believe as a nation, a state, and a community that we are resilient and will meet the financial challenges head on in order to do what is best for our children.

So, at the moment, if the future looks bleak, we still have to be ambassadors of the joy of learning, the value of schools, and the preciousness of our children and their future. ■

President's Message (continued)

Beach. Convention is a great place to network with other attendees, attend officer training workshops as well parenting workshops that cover broad array of topics that are of concern to parents today. There is an Exhibitor's hall where dozens of exhibitors will have a wealth of information on ideas for activities at your school. The Convention is also an opportunity to vote on resolutions that, when approved, give the California State PTA the authority to speak for our children at the State level. So come and make your voice heard, meet new people and get new ideas that will recharge your PTA battery!

The Insurance and Loss Prevention Guide is a vital resource for units and councils so if you have not received one yet please let me know.

A mid-year audit should have been done by this time as it is important to monitor the PTA finan-

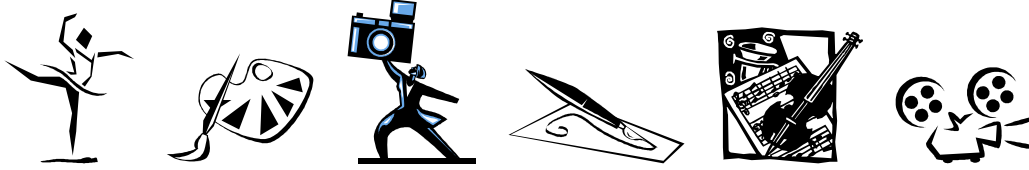
cial records and is required as a part of our California Corporate Code 501C3 nonprofit status. The forms for this are found in the Toolkit.

The new e-bylaws have made the process of updating by-laws much faster and easier. As with anything new however, there are always questions so please don't hesitate to call upon the district or council Parliamentarians for any questions you have.

I want to thank you all again for everything you do for the children at your school and in your community. It's the volunteers that are the strength behind the PTA name and the vital work that PTA does could not happen without you!

Wanda Waltman
32nd District President

32nd District PTA Reflections Results



On Saturday, January 15, 2011, we celebrated the creative and dynamic vision of 89 wonderful student artists from all across Contra Costa County. Thank you so much to everyone who made this year's Reflections program a successful one! Below are the names of the 23 students whose work went on to represent our district at the state level of judging. We sincerely hope that all of you will get the recognition you deserve!

<p style="text-align: center;">Visual Art</p> <p>Primary – Michele Lee, Quail Run Elem. Intermediate – Emily Livitz, Alamo Elem. Middle – Jamie Kim, Gale Ranch Middle Senior – Yuen Suhn Lee, Dougherty Valley High</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Photography</p> <p>Primary – Nitya Garg, Hidden Hills Elem. Intermediate – Elizabeth Hou, Creekside Elem. Middle – Colton Hall, Walnut Creek Inter. Senior – Maggie Ridenhour, Las Lomas High</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Musical Composition</p> <p>Primary – Marcello Severo, Burton Valley Elem. Intermediate – Makena Bohannon, Discovery Bay Elem. Middle – Joseph Sawires, Charlotte Wood Middle Senior – William Wang, Dougherty Valley High</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Literature</p> <p>Primary – Tejasvi Hariharan, Live Oak Elem. Intermediate – Anthony O’Dea, Muirwood Elem. Middle – Lucy Murov, Pleasant Hill Middle Senior – Lexa Rogozinsky, Dougherty Valley High</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Film/Video Production</p> <p>Primary – Zevin Acuna, Burton Valley Elem. Intermediate – Shaun Hou, Camino Pablo Elem. Middle – Royce Kim, Diablo Vista Middle Senior – Ashley Yock, Monte Vista High</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dance Choreography</p> <p>Primary – Nitya Garg, Hidden Hills Elem. Intermediate – Alexa McFarlane, Tassajara Hills Elem. Middle – Neal Sanghui, Windmere Ranch Middle</p>

We expect to receive information about the state level competition sometime near the end of March. Thanks once again to all the parents, students, unit and council chair people who recognize the importance of keeping art alive in our schools and in our homes. Special thanks go also to the judges who had to make some extremely difficult decisions in judging our entries! I really could not have done this without everyone pulling together.

Sara Hall-Cottrell
 32nd District Reflections Chair



Report of the Nominating Committee

February 25, 2011

The 2011 Thirty-Second District PTA nominating committee included Linda Mayo, Elaine O'Hanlon, Laura Ramos, Mitzi Reagan and Brenda Steffen (chairman). The committee met on three occasions: December 15th, January 10th and February 10th to consider all eligible candidates for the 2011 – 2013 term of office.

The following slate of officers is presented for the association's consideration:

President – Denise Jennison

First Vice President of Leadership – Brenda Steffen

Second Vice President of General Meetings and Special Programs – Kathy Rabun

Third Vice President of Communications – Rachel Hurd

Fourth Vice President of Education and Legislation – Janet Abelson

Fifth Vice President of Parent Education/Community Concerns – Linda Mayo

Sixth Vice President of Membership – René Matsumoto

Secretary – OPEN

Treasurer – Annette Lewis

Auditor – OPEN

All tax-exempt groups, including PTAs, must file tax returns

California State PTA is committed to providing information to help make your PTA aware of the latest state and federal requirements. Federal laws and new state laws require nonprofit groups, including PTAs, to file tax returns. Below is a list of the new requirements as they relate to PTAs for the federal IRS *Form 990*, and for the State of California Franchise Tax Board and Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts.

Federal IRS Form 990

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) *Form 990* tax returns or an extension request *Form 8868* must be filed no later than four months and 15 days after the fiscal year-end. For example, if your PTA's fiscal year ends on June 30, your *Form 990* is due on November 15. See filing instructions at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i990.pdf>.

2010 Tax Year (Fiscal year beginning in 2010 and ending in 2011)	Form to file
Normally equal to or less than \$50,000	990N
Equal to or more than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000 and total assets are less than \$500,000	990EZ
Equal to or more than \$200,000 or more, and total assets	990

Schedule B must be completed if the PTA receives a donation of \$5,000 or more from a single donor. In addition, *Form 990EZ* and *Form 990* have additional schedules.



California State Franchise Tax Board Form 199

Starting with the 2010 tax year, the California State Franchise Tax Board (FTB) is requiring all tax-exempt organizations to file the electronic *Form 199N* or *Form 199*. In the past, PTA units and councils were not required to file a *Form 199* if they were unincorporated. Based on this new reporting requirement, all units, councils and districts must now file the *Form 199*. Returns are due four months and 15 days after the fiscal year-end. For example, if your unit's fiscal year-end is February 28, 2011, the form is due on July 15, 2011. To see more information on the *Form 199N* go to http://www.ftb.ca.gov/professionals/taxnews/2010/July/Article_8.shtml.

2010 Tax Year (Fiscal year beginning in 2010 and ending in 2011)	Form to file
If your PTA's gross receipts are:	
Normally equal to or less than \$25,000	199N
Normally greater than \$25,000	199



California State Franchise Tax Board – Entity Numbers

In order to file the *Form 199*, the Franchise Tax Board has started issuing *state entity identification numbers* for all California State PTAs. Please note: This is an entirely separate and different number than the Employer Identification Number (EIN) that the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) already assigns each PTA. The Franchise Tax Board has mailed letters to PTAs to inform them of their new state entity numbers; however, these letters were addressed to schools and in some cases did not clearly reference the PTA. Please check to see whether your PTA or school has received this new number.


If you did not receive your entity number you can call your district president or the Franchise Tax Board exemption department at 1 (800) 852-5711; select Business Entities information, and then select option 4 to speak to a representative.

California Attorney General's Office, Registry of Charitable Trusts



Unincorporated PTAs

In the past, all unincorporated PTA units were not required to file for a charitable trust number with the Registry of Charitable Trusts. Recently, the State Attorney General's Office announced a new requirement that all unincorporated units must register with the Attorney General's Office, Registry of Charitable Trusts, and must start filing the **RRF-1** form annually, beginning no later than 2012.

The instruction guide and sample forms for filing for a charitable trust number have been posted on the California State PTA website under the  TAX FILING UPDATES button on the right side of the home page.



Unincorporated PTAs that conduct drawings or charitable gaming activities

If you are planning a raffle or gaming activity, you must obtain a charitable trust number before you can apply for a raffle or gaming certificate. All unincorporated PTA units that conduct drawings or gaming activities are now required to immediately register with the Attorney General's Office, Registry of Charitable Trust, and must start filing the **RRF-1** annually.

Incorporated PTAs, Councils and Districts

There is no change to the law. All incorporated PTAs, Councils and Districts are still required to have a charitable trust number and file the **RRF-1** annually.

Note: For PTAs that require specific filing assistance, it is recommended that an accountant or tax professional specializing in nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations be consulted regarding all tax filings.

Membership– Time to Plan for Next Year

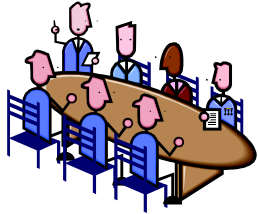
Spring is the perfect time to plan your membership campaign for 2011-2012. Everyone is enthusiastic, full of energy, and ready to promote your PTA. The following handy-dandy ideas will help you design effective membership strategies for next year.

- ◆ Meet with last year's membership chair, and find out what worked, what didn't and why. Plead with him/her to give you the procedure book. If there isn't one, make life easier on your successor, and put one together.
- ◆ Meet with the incoming PTA president, principal, and membership committee. Set goals for the following year.
- ◆ Pick a theme (this is the fun part). Plan on involving as many students as possible.
- ◆ Unearth your unit's bylaws to find out the correct amount of dues you need to collect from each member. If you cannot locate your bylaws, please contact your Council or District Parliamentarian, Brenda Steffen, Thirty-second District PTA.
- ◆ Check with the incoming PTA president and treasurer regarding your budget amount. Prepare a budget plan. Be realistic.
- ◆ Present your membership campaign, complete with budget, to the Executive Board for approval.
- ◆ Contact your Council/District membership chair to order envelopes (if necessary). There is a nominal charge for envelopes (\$2.00 per 100), but the cards are free. Confirm your National PTA unit ID number, which is on the first page of your bylaws.

An informational packet will be available for PTA council and unit membership chairpersons early this summer. The packet will contain cards, envelopes (if ordered) and tips on making your membership campaign successful. Please call me or email me if you have any questions.

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Come meet with your fellow PTA members and leaders for an informative evening at the

32nd District PTA General Meeting

Monday, March 28, 2011

6:15 – 9:00pm

6:15 Dinner (Free with RSVP)

6:45 General Meeting

7:15 Program/Training

Place: Contra Costa County Office of Education,
77 Santa Barbara Rd. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

- General Meeting**
- Budget Crisis/How can our schools function effectively**
(Speaker: **Dr. Ovick, Superintendent of Schools**)
- “Take your family to work” grant recipient**
- Learn how to do a “Five minute audit”**

PLEASE reply by March 21st so we know how much food to order.

For more information, directions, or to reply.

Contact Chris Low at poochcfl@aol.com or (925) 778-0446

If sending or leaving a message, please include your name and PTA Council/Unit.



California State PTA's **eBylaws**

32nd District PTA units are now set up for e-bylaws. A new, quicker way for you to revise and update your unit PTA/PTSA bylaws! <http://www.capta.org/sections/management/e-bylaws.cfm>

Proposed Amendments to District Bylaws

The following bylaws amendments will be considered at the March 2011 Thirty-Second District PTA association meeting. Please contact Brenda Steffen with questions or to request a copy of the district bylaws. (ptasteffen@aol.com, 925-779-9718)

Article & Section	Proposed Amendment
Article VII – Officers and Their Election, Section 2	Insert "executive vice president", strike "historian", to read: The officers of this district shall be a president, <u>executive vice president</u> , six (6) vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, auditor, historian and parliamentarian.
Article VII – Officers and Their Election, Section 12	Strike “first vice president” and insert “executive vice president”, to read: “A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by a person elected by the district board. Election to fill a vacancy shall require a majority vote of the district board with at least ten (10) days’ previous notice. If notice is not given, the election to fill the vacancy shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote. The <u>executive vice president</u> shall serve notice of the election to the executive board in case a vacancy occurs in the office of president. (Refer to Article X, Section 8d)”
Article VII – Officers and Their Election, Section 14	Strike "including" and insert "which may include the", to read, "To be eligible for an elected district office, a person must have served on the district board for one year, or a council board for two years, <u>which may include the</u> year of nomination."
Article VII – Officers and Their Election, Section 15b	Strike "or" and insert "and"; to read "Have served an association and/or council as president <u>and</u> have served on the district board for two (2) years." (eligibility for the office of president)
Article VIII – Duties of Officers, Section 1m (president’s duties)	Strike "send out" and insert "Develop agenda and distribute with", to read, " <u>Develop agenda and distribute with</u> notices of district board meetings and executive committee meetings."
Article VIII – Duties of Officers, Section 1 (president’s duties)	Insert new letter n to read, "Develop agenda and distribute with notice of district association meetings, in accordance with Article IX, Section 1.”
Article VIII – Duties of Officers, Section 1 (president’s duties)	Insert new letter o to read, "Act as custodian of records and other material pertinent to the history of the district." (from historian duties)
Article VIII – Duties of Officers, Section 2	Insert preprinted Section 2 to read: The executive vice president shall: (a) Serve as the primary aide to the president (b) Perform the duties of the president in the absence or disability of that officer to act. (c) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned by the district.
	Renumber remaining sections.
Article VIII – Duties of Officers, Section 3a (vice presidents’ duties)	Insert "additional" between the words "The" and "vice president(s)" and insert "executive vice president" between the words "and" and "and" to read "The additional vice president(s) shall act as aide(s) to the president and executive vice president and shall, in their designated order..."
Article VIII – Duties of Officers, Section 3b (vice presidents’ duties)	Strike "first vice president" and insert "executive vice president", to read: The executive vice president shall serve as alternate on the State Board of Managers in the absence of the president.”
Article VIII – Duties of Officers, Section 4g (treasurer’s duties)	Strike “third vice president” and insert “executive vice president” as check signer
Article VIII – Duties of Officers, Section 4 (treasurer’s duties)	Insert a new letter p to read "Keep an accurate record of all receipts and authorizations for payment and file with the treasurer's financial records for the district."

Article & Section	Proposed Amendment
Article VIII – Duties of Officers, Section 6 (historian’s duties)	Strike Section 6 in its entirety. Responsibilities reassigned as follows: (a) third vice president, (b) president, and (c) sixth vice president
Article IX – District Meetings, Section 3a (special meetings)	Strike "seven (7)" and insert "five (5)" to read "The president must call a special meeting upon the written request of five (5) members of the district board or...."
Article IX – District Meetings, Section 7b	Strike "three (3)" and insert "ten (10)" to read "Twenty-seven (27) voting members representing ten (10) associations shall constitute a quorum...."
Article X – District Board, Section 1	In the second sentence, insert "executive vice president/" between "council" and "first" to read, "A council <u>executive vice president</u> /first vice president shall be granted the right to vote on the district board when officially representing the council in the absence of the council president."
Article X – District Board, Section 8c	This is a new standard preprinted section, to read: The district board shall: <u>“(c) Authorize line item amendments to the adopted budget, not to exceed a cumulative total of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) or five percent (5%) of the budgeted expenditures, whichever is greater, between district association meetings and authorize payments up to the amended line item budget amount. Such actions must be ratified at the next district association meeting and must be recorded in the district association minutes.”</u>
Article X – District Board, Section 10	Insert a new Section 10 to read: "Members of the district board may participate in and act at any meeting of the district board via teleconferencing using equipment with which all board members participating in the meeting can communicate with each other at the same time. Participation in such meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting. Quorum shall be established by roll call and identification of individual board members."
Article XI – Executive Committee, Section 6	Insert a new Section 6 to read: "Members of the district executive committee may participate in and act at any meeting of the district executive committee via teleconferencing using equipment with which all members participating in the meeting can communicate with each other at the same time. Participation in such meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting. Quorum shall be established by roll call and identification of individual members."
Article XI – Executive Committee, Section 6	Insert a new Section 6 to read: "Members of the district executive committee may participate in and act at any meeting of the district executive committee via teleconferencing using equipment with which all members participating in the meeting can communicate with each other at the same time. Participation in such meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting. Quorum shall be established by roll call and identification of individual members."
Article XII - Committees, Section 10	Insert new Section 10 to read: "Members of district committees may participate in and act at any meeting of the committee via teleconferencing using equipment with which all members participating in the meeting can communicate with each other at the same time. Participation in such meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting. Quorum shall be established by roll call and identification of individual members."
Article XIII – District Annual Meeting, Section 3b	Strike "twenty-two (22)" and insert "ten (10)" to read "Twenty-seven (27) delegates representing ten (10) local associations shall constitute a quorum." <i>Rationale:</i> The district only has two association meetings per year. Current bylaws require only three associations for October meeting, but twenty-two associations for the annual meeting in March. Want quorum to be the same for all district association meetings; ten is a reasonable and attainable number of associations to expect at any association meeting.

Has Your PTA Elected Officers for Next Year?

Bylaws indicate when elections are held; but, WHY is it important to elect new officers before the new school year starts?

If the new school year begins *without* new officers

1. Four months of transition and planning time is forever lost (April election).
2. The program and budget committees have inadequate time to develop and plan prior to the first association meeting, which leaves little time to give notice for and present plans to the membership for its required approval.
3. The PTA executive board must play catch-up. It can take months to feel organized and prepared to effectively lead the association.
4. Banking, check signatures, and bill paying can be impaired if previous officers have moved on and financial procedures have not been properly addressed at the end of one fiscal year and the beginning of another.
5. The transition of officers and chairmen after an extended break loses the momentum of sharing and passing on information and materials. If past officers or chairmen move to another campus or community, materials and procedure books often become lost.
6. Newly elected officers miss the opportunity to participate in counterpart training provided by the district and council PTA, as well as convention and other workshops.
7. Bylaws state the president-elect is entitled to represent the PTA at the annual California State PTA convention, if the budget allows. The annual convention is always held in late April or very early May.
8. Mailings of valuable resources and materials from National and California State PTA are missed.
9. The opportunity to promote PTA, build a relationship with the school, and publicize the PTA's role on campus is delayed and momentum is lost.
10. Administrators and school staff may be confused as to whom the PTA leaders are and how valuable the PTA/PTSA is to the school community.
11. Opportunities for valuable community building, networking, and volunteer recruitment, which normally begin when officers take office, are lost.
12. The membership campaign begins too late for the PTA to qualify for Early Bird and Chairman's Club awards and may prevent the PTA from remitting the first required dues payment on time.
13. Students lose the opportunity to participate in Reflections, PTA's fine arts program, because there is inadequate time to plan, kick off, and meet entry deadlines.

Once elections have been held, be sure to forward to your council the contact information (name, home mailing address, phone number, and email address) for each of the elected officers. This will ensure that your PTA continues to receive important information from your council, Thirty-Second District, California State PTA and National PTA.

32nd District PTA Scholarship Winners 2011

At our Founder's Day Luncheon on Friday, February 18, 2011, 32nd District PTA award the following scholarships to high school seniors in Contra Costa County. Award recipients are members of their high school PTAs.

Chris Adams Memorial Personal Challenge Award:

Reggie Chriss

Antioch High, Delta Council

Carol Ruley Community Service Award:

Maggie Ridenhour

Las Lomas High, Las Trampas Creek Council

School Volunteer Award:

Stephanie Wraith

San Ramon Valley High, San Ramon Valley Council

Best Exemplifies PTA Values Award:

Nicole Tabone

College Park High, Mt. Diablo Council



California State PTA
112th Annual
Convention
April 28 – May 1, 2011
Long Beach

<http://www.capta.org/sections/convention-2011>

PTA Advocacy Day
Join us in 2011 for Advocacy Day!



Tuesday,
March 29, 2011



ADVOCACY DAY

Take action and join us on the Bus to Sacramento.
Your presence makes a difference for our children!
Registration information is coming soon.



<http://www.srvCouncilpta.org/Public/uploads/AD%202011%20Flier%20-%20Registration.pdf>

Legislative Advocacy News



Tax Extensions Needed to Protect Our Schools

PTA is pleased that the Governor's budget proposal is a combination of cuts and revenue increases, and strives to avoid the gimmicks, borrowing and unrealistic assumptions that have plagued budgets (fudgets?) over the past many years. This proposal also seeks to somewhat protect education funding, which has taken the largest hit over the past three years of cuts (\$18 billion in cuts, or \$1,900 per student).

The important caveat is that extensions of taxes raised two years ago (and set to expire this year) must be approved by the legislature. The Governor has promised to take this to the people for a vote, and 2/3 of the legislature must vote to support such a ballot measure. Should a measure not make it onto the ballot by March 11 for a June election and pass, education will be hit with at least a \$2 billion cut next year. PTA has been busy advocating for the measure at the Capitol, but look for specific action alerts soon for how you and your members can help.

32nd District PTA Well Represented at Legislation Conference

Thirteen representatives from units and councils around Contra Costa County attended the California State PTA Legislation Conference in Sacramento on February 7 and 8. Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson discussed his priorities, including stable funding and education reforms. Delegates received priority issue cards and talking points from the volunteer California State PTA advocates, and heard from a variety of speakers and legislators about education and children's services issues. Of course, the foremost topic on everyone's agenda was the State budget. With the new Governor in office, there was a sense of optimism that a sensible budget agreement can be reached, amidst the angst of a \$25 billion deficit.

Our attendees met with legislative staff for all of the legislators in Contra Costa County, and told personal stories about how the cuts to education and children's services are affecting us locally.

What can PTAs do?

Educate your members and the public about budget concerns. District Legislation Committee members are available to speak on the subject at your meetings. Visit our website: (<http://www.32ndpta.org/programs/advocacy.html>) for information on this.

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Coyote Creek PTA and the SRV Council of PTAs Special Needs Committee present:



Dyslexia Workshop with Susan Barton

Tuesday, March 15, 6-9 PM
 Performing Arts Center
 Dougherty Valley High School
 10550 Albion Road, San Ramon

To view the flyer and to register: <http://www.srvcouncilpta.org/Public/uploads/Dyslexia%20workshop%203-15-11.pdf>

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32nd District PTA 2010-2011 Calendar

Date	Time(s)	Location	Description
2011			
28-Feb	9:30 AM	CCCOE *	32nd District PTA Executive Board
21-Mar	9:30 AM	CCCOE	32nd District PTA Executive Board
28-Mar	6:15 PM dinner 7:00 PM meeting	CCCOE	GENERAL MEETING 32nd District PTA
18-Apr	9:30 AM	CCCOE	32nd District PTA Executive Board
<i>April 28 – May 1</i>		<i>Long Beach</i>	<i>California State PTA Convention</i>
16-May	9:30 AM	CCCOE	32nd District PTA Executive Board
20-Jun	9:30 AM	CCCOE	32nd District PTA Executive Board
25-Jun		Willow Creek Center	Leadership Academy

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