



**CUCPTSA LEGISLATION/ADVOCACY TEAM**  
**September 2018 Report**

**In Local News:**

We will have representatives from Capitol Advisors at our October 2018 meeting to share what is happening with regards to education policy in Sacramento. They will also provide insights into upcoming election.

In August, the Board of Trustees once again reaffirmed their commitment to not collect “Pay-Go” funds from CFD’s and to maintaining the lowest possible rates that cover just repayment of bond costs.

Three Board of Trustee areas were scheduled to have elections this year, however, only the incumbent Trustees filed papers to run in each area. As a result, the Orange County Registrar of Voters has declared all three the winners of their races and will not have the Board of Trustee elections appear on the November 2018 ballot. Congratulations to our Trustees continuing to work for the benefit of the students in CUSD.

Agendas from the most recent Board of Trustee meetings can be found here:

July 11, 2018 – Special Board Meeting - <http://capousd-ca.schoolloop.com/file/1514016268888/1455438848279/29517892044708068.pdf>

July 25, 2018 – Regular Board Meeting - <http://capousd-ca.schoolloop.com/file/1514016268888/1218998864154/6793225990060151197.pdf>

August 22, 2018 – Regular Board Meeting - <http://capousd-ca.schoolloop.com/file/1514016268888/1455438848279/5802984024151074063.pdf>

Audio Recordings of Meetings in July 2018-June 2019 can be found at <http://cusd.capousd.org/cusdweb/2018-19audio.html>

**From Fourth District PTA:**

**Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, June 2018**

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

- Governor Brown issued his “May revise” budget proposal based on actual tax revenues that the state received through April. The state is collecting about \$8 billion more than he projected in his initial budget proposal, but as always he is being conservative about spending the money on ongoing programs. He does want to give school districts about \$1.8 billion in one-time funding to spend as they choose. He also would allocate funding for several areas that are PTA priorities.

- If we are going to hold a candidate forum for school board in the fall, we should start planning for that now. The *Communicator* has several steps we can take to get ready.
- The Family Engagement bill that State PTA is sponsoring was approved by the state Assembly and passed on to the state Senate, where it was referred to the Senate Education Committee. The bill would put a clear definition of family engagement into the section of the Education Code that refers to the Local Control and Accountability Plan.
- The delegates at the State PTA Convention approved a resolution that urges the state Legislature and Governor to improve and reform school funding so that all California students have an opportunity to succeed.
- When the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) was established in 2013, the goal was to fully fund it by 2020. Full funding is defined as returning all school districts to the level of funding they had before the Great Recession. Because economic times have been good, full funding will be accomplished this next year, but that does not mean schools will get adequate funding. AB 2808, which is supported by State PTA, would set a new goal of increasing school funding to place California in the top ten nationwide in per pupil funding.
- The Communicator also includes a brief explanation of LCFF.

Back issues of the Communicator can be found at: <http://www.fourthdistrictpta.org/advocacy-communicator/>

### **In State News:**

**California lawmakers send school safety bills to Gov. Brown's desk** By David Washburn, *EdSource*

The measures include mandates for classroom door locks, school safety plans and the addition of school personnel to the list of people who can file gun violence restraining orders. Read more at <https://edsource.org/2018/california-lawmakers-send-school-safety-bills-to-gov-browns-desk/601749>

This bill, AB 3205 is one that the California PTA has taken a position of support.

**Youth in California's Central Valley are reclaiming region's activist roots** By David Washburn, *EdSource*

Decades after civil rights icons Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta brought worldwide attention to the plight of farm workers in California's Central Valley, a new generation of activists are making an impact in the region — with the focus now on the myriad issues facing young people and efforts to get them involved in civic affairs. Read more at <https://edsource.org/2018/youth-in-californias-central-valley-are-reclaiming-regions-activist-roots/>

In May, California State PTA took positions on 33 bills in the California Legislature. View California State PTA's May Legislative Action Committee Report here.

### **Highlights from the Current Session**

Supported by California State PTA:

- **AB 1763 (Chu):** This bill would require, starting with the 2020–21 school year, the governing board of a school district and the governing body of a charter school to ensure that pupils receive information on college and career preparedness at least once in grades 9 to 12.  
[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB1763](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1763)
- **AB 2601 (Weber):** This bill would require charter schools to ensure that all pupils in grades 7 to 12 receive comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education.  
[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB2601](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2601)
- **AB 2772 (Medina):** This bill would add the completion of a one-semester course in ethnic studies, in either the subject of social studies or English, to the high school graduation requirements starting with the 2023–24 school year.  
[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB2772](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2772)

### **Strengthening Family Engagement in Schools**

California State PTA's sponsored legislation, **AB 2878 (Chavez)** has successfully moved through the Senate Education Committee and is headed to Senate Appropriations. This important measure is a family engagement bill that seeks to use research-based guidelines to define how authentic family engagement could look like in Education Code in order to guide schools, districts and county offices of education.

We believe authentic family engagement is a key factor in long-term student success – including better student attendance, higher graduation rates and increased student achievement. You can help ensure this important legislation becomes law by contacting your local legislators to ask for their support on AB 2878, sharing our messages about AB 2878 on social media and speaking to your unit about the importance of this bill.

Resources on our bill and on the importance of family engagement can be found at [www.capta.org/advocacy](http://www.capta.org/advocacy) and [www.capta.org/family-engagement](http://www.capta.org/family-engagement).

**An Interesting look at Prop 98** – As we know Prop 98 guarantees a minimum level of funding for education in California; however which dollars count towards the Prop 98 guarantee sometimes seems to be a little murky. Here is an interesting article looking at Prop 98, and how in theory a great idea, it has been manipulated not to the benefit of students.  
<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-road-map-education-proposition-98-spending-20180819-story.html>

**California Senate Bill 328** looks at later start times for middle and high schools. This bill has been supported by the California PTA and is the brain child of Anthony Portatino. The bill would mandate no middle school or high school may hold first period starting before 8:30am. Here is an interesting article about the legislation and some of the benefits and concerns and opposition and support for this legislation. <https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article217238845.html>

**At the National Level:**

### From the National PTA:

There are currently several items that the National PTA are speaking out about explicitly – all are related to Gun Control and Guns in Schools. Please take a moment to visit <https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/take-action> and send an email to your representative supporting the National PTA's agenda in keeping our schools and students safe. The specific topics are:

- Tell your senators to oppose the use of federal funds to purchase guns for schools
- Urge your members of congress to keep our children and our schools safe from gun violence!
- Tell your members of congress to invest in family engagement

**Advocacy letters for National PTA:** On PTA.org website under Advocacy tab, there are several letters that can be downloaded and sent to your Representative and/or Senator. Issues such as protecting transgender children, concern over Betsy DeVos and school vouchers, encouraging parent engagement (ESSA), protecting Federal nutrition programs, and many more.

The 115<sup>th</sup> Congress is considering the following legislation items. The National PTA is supporting (green checkmarks) or opposing (red x) the following items:

#### Child Health and Safety

H.R. 2: Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018   115th Congress (2017-2018)	
H.R. 695: Child Protection Improvements Act of 2017   115th Congress (2017-2018)	
H.R. 1757: Trauma-Informed Care for Children and Families Act of 2017   115th Congress (2017-2018)	
H.R. 1957: Safe Schools Improvement Act of 2017   115th Congress (2017-2018)	
H.R. 2160: Best to Use Safety Belts Act of 2017   115th Congress (2017-2018)	
H.R. 2401: To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to prohibit the stigmatization of children who are unable to pay for meals.   115th Congress (2017-2018)	
H.R. 2926: REACH Act   115th Congress (2017-2018)	
H.R. 3006: To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and grants to finance certain improvements to school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes.   115th Congress (2017-2018)	
H.R. 3024: Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2017   115th Congress (2017-2018)	
H.R. 3580: To promote State requirements for local educational agencies and public elementary and secondary schools relating to the prevention and treatment of concussions suffered by students.   115th Congress (2017-2018)	
H.R. 5374: Student Non-Discrimination Act of 2018   115th Congress (2017-2018)	
H.R. 5992: Student and Student Athlete Opioid Misuse Prevention Act   115th Congress (2017-2018)	
S. 705: Child Protection Improvements Act of 2017   115th Congress (2017-2018)	
S. 774: Trauma-Informed Care for Children and Families Act of 2017   115th Congress (2017-2018)	

- S. 786: Student and Student Athlete Opioid Misuse Prevention Act | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- S. 1064: Anti-Lunch Shaming Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- S. 1401: Get the Lead Out of Schools Act | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- S. 1402: A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and grants to finance certain improvements to school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes. | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- S. 2572: Safe Schools Improvement Act of 2018 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓

#### Early Learning and Childhood Education

- H.R. 3773: Child Care for Working Families Act | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- S. 1806: Child Care for Working Families Act | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓

#### Elementary and Secondary Education






- H.R. 627: Streamlining Energy Efficiency for Schools Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- H.R. 1511: Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- H.R. 1864: To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to allow local educational agencies to use Federal funds for programs and activities that address chronic absenteeism. | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- H.R. 2475: Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- H.R. 3246: To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a Teacher Advisory Committee and a Parents and Families Advisory Committee. | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- H.R. 5767: Teachers Are Leaders Act | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- S. 383: Streamlining Energy Efficiency for Schools Act | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- S. 611: Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- S. 1413: Teachers Are Leaders Act | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓

#### Federal Investments in Education

- S. 2542: A bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part. | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓

#### Gun Safety and Violence Prevention








- H.R. 1478: Gun Violence Research Act | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- H.R. 1832: To authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention. | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- H.R. 2598: Gun Violence Restraining Order Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- H.R. 3464: Background Check Completion Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- H.R. 4240: Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- H.R. 4434: Fix NICS Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓
- H.R. 4909: STOP School Violence Act of 2018 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) ✓

- H.R. 5087: Assault Weapons Ban of 2018 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
- S. 834: A bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention. | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
- S. 1212: Gun Violence Prevention Order Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
- S. 1923: Background Check Completion Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
- S. 2135: Fix NICS Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 



#### Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

- H.R. 1809: Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
  - S. 866: Prohibiting Detention of Youth Status Offenders Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
- #### Post-Secondary Access and Opportunity
- S. 1615: Dream Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
  - S. 1658: Mentoring to Succeed Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 

#### Private School Choice and Vouchers

- H.R. 610: To distribute Federal funds for elementary and secondary education in the form of vouchers for eligible students and to repeal a certain rule relating to nutrition standards in schools. | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
- H.R. 895: Educational Opportunities Act | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
- H.R. 1387: To reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, and for other purposes. | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
- H.R. 4269: Public Funds for Public Schools Act | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
- H.R. 5199: Education Savings Accounts for Military Families Act of 2018 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
- S. 148: Educational Opportunities Act | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
- S. 2517: Military Education Savings Account Act of 2018 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 

#### Special Education

- H.R. 2782: Respond, Innovate, Succeed, and Empower Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
- H.R. 2902: To amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part. | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 
- S. 1295: Respond, Innovate, Succeed, and Empower Act of 2017 | 115th Congress (2017-2018) 