



CUCPTSA LEGISLATION/ADVOCACY TEAM
May 2022 Report
Monthly meeting Friday, May 6, 2022 @ 9:30am via zoom

In Local News:

NEXT CUSD REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING is Wednesday, **May 18, 2022 @ 7PM**. I encourage you to listen in virtually or attend in person at the district office. As always, the board agendas are available approximately 72 hours prior to the board meeting. They can be found on the district's website under the BOARD tab. Look for an email from Ryan Burris approximately 72 hour prior to the meeting with a copy of the agenda and the exhibits. He will also include instructions on emailing your trustees with comments on any agenda item and provide information on how to make a public comment either online or in person. If you have additional questions, PLEASE feel free to reach out to me! I encourage all of you to "pull a blue card" and speak about something you are passionate about. Maybe your school site is doing a fundraiser that you would like to spread the word on or share some good news that is happening on your campus/events.

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

April 20, 2022- Regular Board Meeting

https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx?S=36030799&MID=11544

March 16, 2022-Regular Board Meeting

https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx?S=36030799&MID=11061

March 2, 2022-Special Board Meeting

[March22C2022RegularBoardMeetingPACKETforWebsite.pdf](#)

Minutes and Audio Recordings of Meetings can be found at

https://capousd.ca.schoolloop.com/pf4/cms2/view_page?d=x&group_id=151401626888&vdid=wi10b1qsopu12s#2021-22

Minutes are listed once approved, audio is typically posted within a day or two of the meeting. Also, on this page are links to 2020-2021 minutes/agendas/audio and previous years.

REMINDER: LATE START NEXT YEAR! Here is a link to the start and end times for all schools in our district. Please make sure we communicating this change to parents so they are able to plan accordingly for next year.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VQWYe7k7TRrN1XtxTuc--T02CFyZcxwUkn_-ld3bc68/edit#gid=0

Visit CUSD Insider for the most up to date happenings around our district!

<https://cusdinsider.org>

CUCPTSA Legislation/Advocacy Racial Equity Book Club:

For our next discussion we are reading "They Called Us Enemy" by George Takei Our next meeting is **Monday, May 23, 2022! at 8pm** - we are holding a single meeting for this book, and hope you can join us at this time.

If you would like to attend, please contact Michele Ploessel-Campbell by email myshel@ix.netcom.com.

From Fourth District PTA:

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, May 2022

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

- Are we going to have a candidate forum for our school board election in the fall? If so, we should start planning now.
- Spend your summer reading the lessons at Ed.100.org and by the fall you'll be a powerful, well-informed advocate.
- The May 3 candidate forum for Orange County Superintendent of Schools and the Orange County Board of Education was recorded. If you missed the forum you can watch it on the Fourth District PTA website.
- Kevin Gordon will be the guest speaker at the California State PTA Advocacy Briefing on May 24. He will talk about the Governor's May revise budget proposal and how that impacts our schools.
- Votersedge.org has nonpartisan information about federal, state and local candidates in the June 7 Primary Election.
- The election in June is a top-two open primary. For partisan offices like U.S. senator, U.S. representative, governor, state senate and assembly, and other state offices, all of the candidates are on everyone's ballot, no matter what party you registered with. The two candidates who get the most votes, regardless of party affiliation, advance to the General Election in November. For nonpartisan offices like county superintendent of schools, the county school board, county supervisors, and judges, the candidate who gets the majority of votes in June is

elected. If no one gets a majority, the two top candidates advance to the General Election.

- The newsletter has a statement from PTA about the President's proposed budget for 2023. The reaction is positive.
- The Food and Drug Administration has not fully approved COVID-19 vaccines for children, so there will be no COVID vaccine mandate for students for the 2022-23 school year.
- Are we ready for PTA advocacy next year? We need to make sure advocacy is in our budget, including \$700 to send someone to Sacramento Safari in 2023.

February 2022 "Advocacy Communicator"

<https://www.fourthdistrictpta.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Advocacy-Communicator-MAY-2022.pdf>

Back issues of the Communicator can be found at:

<http://www.fourthdistrictpta.org/advocacy-communicator/>

In State News:

The 2022 California Primary is coming! June 7th is ELECTION DAY! Primary Elections are important elections to pay attention to as they are a time in which some candidate races are "one and done" and others are a "jungle primary". What does this all mean? Some races like the Orange County Superintendent, Orange County Board of Education, and OC Judges are "one and done". That means that whoever receives the highest number of votes, wins. Other races like our State Assembly and our congressional races are what is referred to as a "jungle primary". That means that the two candidates with the most votes go on to the general election in November. You should have received your "Voter's guide" in the mail and ballots drop on May 9th! For more information, please visit: <https://ocvote.gov>

Redistricting: Link to the maps:

https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/final_maps

CUSD will be in these Assembly districts:

AD 71, AD72, and AD74 - Laurie Davies is now in AD74. The other 2 districts are all new to us.

CUSD will be in these State Senate Districts: we are going from 1 to 3 - with Districts 36, 37, and 38. All will be new people to us because Bates is out due to term limits.

CAPTA Legislative Action Committee Bill Report- This report outlines the California State PTA's positions and activities on state legislation this year.

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/downloads.capta.org/leg/Final+LAC+Bill+Report+Feb+2022.pdf>

**Ukrainian students arriving in California find warm welcome at schools-
By Carolyn Jones Edsource**

As Ukrainian families begin arriving in California, they'll find some of the country's most well-prepared schools for helping children who've fled violence abroad and are trying to adapt to life in a new country.

<https://edsource.org/2022/ukrainian-students-arriving-in-california-find-warm-welcome-at-schools/671326>

Growing suburban Sacramento school districts spared state's declining enrollment-By Diana Lambert Edsource

It took David and Karen Santoscoy 10 years and the right opportunity for the couple to be able to buy a house in Natomas and move their family back to the Sacramento community where they once lived.

<https://edsource.org/2022/new-homes-bring-increased-enrollment-for-some-suburban-school-districts-in-sacramento-region/671146>

Cost, emotional stress leading to enrollment challenges at colleges, study finds-By Michael Burke Edsource

Many adults across the United States who don't attend college are interested in enrolling, but the high costs of attendance are preventing them from doing so. At the same time, significant numbers of students currently enrolled in college have recently considered dropping out, and they overwhelmingly point to emotional stress as the reason.

<https://edsource.org/2022/cost-emotional-stress-leading-to-enrollment-challenges-at-colleges-study-finds/670739#>

PROPOSED CA BALLOT initiatives: Here's what you need to know!

Here is a website where you can track the progress of CA ballot initiatives:

<https://oag.ca.gov/initiatives/active-measures>

Update- Initiative for Education Savings Accounts collected only a fifth of needed signatures.

School choice backers fail to put measure on California's November ballot- By John Fensterwald Edsource

School choice will not be on the ballot in November. The man who led an initiative campaign to provide \$14,000 per student for parents and guardians to select the private or religious school of their choice acknowledged that the drive fell substantially short of the signatures needed to put the measure before voters.

<https://www.desertsun.com/story/news/2022/04/10/school-choice-backers-fail-put-measure-educational-freedom-act-california-ballot/9533738002/>

At the National Level and National PTA:

Take Action: Urge Congress to Prioritize the Mental Health of Students by Passing the STANDUP Act

The Suicide Training and Awareness Nationally Delivered for Universal Prevention Act (**STANDUP Act**) is the first federal legislation providing uniform research-based suicide prevention and awareness standards in schools to address the mental health needs of students. The bill currently has 46 bipartisan sponsors (38 Democrats and 8 Republicans).

<https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/take-action>

Redistricting:

Here is a link to the pdf of the congressional maps:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E8u2WGSe20pK-eqrnPLJS25oadvG0XGI/view>

Capo seems to be in districts 40 (page 43) this is Porter and district 49 (page 53) this is Levin. It looks like we are completely out of Steele's area - district 47 (page 51).

The 117th 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. 586: STANDUP Act of 2021](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

✓ [H.R. 1319: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

✓ [S. 441: STURDY Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

Early Learning and Childhood Education

✔ [H.Con.Res. 4: Supporting the goals and ideals of No Name-Calling Week in bringing attention to name-calling of all kinds and providing schools with the tools and inspiration to launch an ongoing dialogue about ways to eliminate name-calling, bullying, and harassment in their communities.](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

✔ [HR 2817: To amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 and the Head Start Act to promote child care and early learning, and for other purposes.](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

✔ [S. 1360: Child Care for Working Families Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

Federal Investments in Education

✔ [H.R. 604: Reopen and Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2021](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

✔ [H.R. 764: Keep Our PACT Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

✔ [S. 72: Keep Our PACT Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

✔ [S. 96: Reopen and Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2021](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

Gun Safety and Violence Prevention

✔ [H.R. 8: Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

✔ [H.R. 825: Gun Violence Prevention Research Act of 2021](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

✔ [S. 281: Gun Violence Prevention Research Act of 2021](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)