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The Purpose of PTA is to promote the welfare of children in schools and the community by supporting parent involvement in the educational process, advocating for quality education, and collaborating with the school to ensure our children reach their full potential.

CUCPTSA ADVOCACY TEAM

October Report

Monthly meeting October 6, 2023 @ 9:30am

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PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT...

TO PROVIDE YOU WITH CURRENT EVENTS AND INFORMATION THAT AFFECTS K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION LOCALLY, WITHIN OUR STATE AND NATIONALLY. TOPICS CAN RANGE FROM LEARNING ABOUT HOW OUR STATE FUNDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO THE FENTANYL CRISIS. THIS IS A TOOL...PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE AND/OR USE PORTIONS OF THIS REPORT WITH YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARDS AND ASSOCIATION WHEN GIVING YOUR MONTHLY ADVOCACY REPORT.

AUDIO RECORDING OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20TH

<http://cusd.capousd.org/cusdweb/2023-24audio.html>

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NEXT CUSD Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

is **October 18, 2023** You can find the agenda, when it is posted, 72 hours prior to the meeting, here:

<https://www.capousd.org/Board/Board-Meetings/2023-24-BOARD-MEETING-AGENDAS--MINUTES/index.html>

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

<https://www.capousd.org/Board/Board-Meetings/2023-24-BOARD-MEETING-AGENDAS--MINUTES/index.html>

Minutes and Audio Recordings of Meetings can be found at:

<http://cusd.capousd.org/cusdweb/2023-24audio.html>

Minutes are listed once approved, audio is typically posted within a day or two of the meeting. Also, on this page are links to 2022-2023 minutes/agendas/audio and previous years.

CUCPTSA Advocacy Team Racial Equity Book Club:

If you would like to join and receive information about our monthly book club meetings, please email Michele Ploessel-Campbell @ myshel@ix.netcom.com

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

<https://cusdinsider.org>

CUSD safety director prepares for new school year By: Lou Ponsi CUSD Insider
<https://cusdinsider.org/cusd-safety-director-prepares-for-new-school-year/>

If you have questions or concerns about safety measures on your campus, make sure you are communicating them to and with your principal. They are the best resource for all safety related issues to start.

The Fentanyl Crisis:

Narcan/Naloxane on every campus in CUSD

The Board of Trustees approved an updated Board Policy ([5141.21, Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions](#)) on Sept. 21, 2022, permitting Naloxone nasal spray to be used by a trained staff member for an individual suspected of having an opioid overdose.

“Dead on Arrival” <https://anfhelp.org> With the support of the Alexander Neville Foundation, this documentary film features real families that have lost their children to Fentanyl poisoning. Alexander Neville was 14 when he died in 2020 from Fentanyl poisoning, he was a student attending one of our CUSD schools and his mom Amy Neville presents to students, parents, communities, law enforcement to raise awareness. Please share this information with your PTA’s and consider her for a parent ed night presentation at your unit.

Amy Neville will be presenting at the CUCPTSA Council President’s meeting on Monday, Oct 9th @ 10AM @ the CUSD Board Room. You are welcome to attend to hear from Amy on SOCIAL MEDIA HARMS, OPIOIDS/FENTANYL, IT’S EVERYWHERE, CASUAL USE(NON-ADDICTS), AN EVERYBODY PROBLEM, SNAPCHAT, STATISTICS.

She will also be presenting at Niguel Hills Middle School on Tuesday, Oct 10th in the evening.

As fentanyl deaths climb, bill would require drug education in schools By: Carolyn Jones EdSource

<https://edsource.org/2023/as-fentanyl-deaths-climb-bill-would-require-drug-education-in-schools/689323>

THESE RESOURCES ARE GREAT TO USE WHEN GIVING YOUR MONTHLY ADVOCACY REPORT!

Most recent edition of the “Advocacy Communicator” October 2023

<https://www.fourthdistrictpta.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Advocacy-Communicator-OCTOBER-2023.pdf>

Back issues of the Communicator can be found at:

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

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs/Advocacy, OCTOBER 2023

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

- The Orange County Board of Education (OCBE) wants to take over the duties of a county committee, which would include drawing the lines of the districts from which the county board members are elected. The OCBE has sent a request to the California State Board of Education to approve that change. Fourth District PTA members voted in September to write a letter opposing that request. The reasons are in the Communicator.
- Our state legislators are on recess until January, so this is a great time to visit them in their local offices. Shall we organize a visit?
- Every year our school district has to renew our Local Control and Accountability Plan, or LCAP, which describes how our district will spend its money. This is something we parents should be involved in. The Communicator lists some resources to help us prepare for that.
- The Fourth District PTA Advocacy Forum on September 29 was packed with great information and we got to meet our State PTA President Shereen Walter, who comes from Orange County. The next forum will be on Thursday, November 9. You won't want to miss it!
- There are a couple of important blogs on the Ed100 website. One is about a new series of videos explaining California's education system and the other is about teaching kids to vote.
- The Communicator also has a nice story about how arts education can change a life.

[EDSOURCE.ORG](https://edsourc.org)

[Ed100.org](https://ed100.org)

[CAPTA.org](https://capta.org) SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE "ADVOCACY INSIDER" FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE PTA

[PTA.org](https://pta.org) National PTA Advocacy updates and resources

In State News:

Mental health for learning By: Shereen Walter

PTA's successful track record in speaking out for [Mental Health Service for Our Children and Youth](#) is one of the reasons I volunteer as President of the California State PTA.

This past year, for example, PTA support helped another batch of important bills get through the legislature. List of Mental Health Bills passed with PTA support:

https://ed100.org/blog/mental-health-learning?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Mental+health+for+learning&utm_campaign=10+02+2023+Mental+health+for+learning

The Legislation Action Report is a very important piece of information for us to have as PTA advocates. The report outlines the bill number, author, topic, a brief summary of the bill, whether CAPTA has taken a support, oppose or watch position of public education related bills. Those position statements become our official position when talking about these bills within our council and unit. When it is available, you will find it here:

<https://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/legislative-action-reports/>

Committee Chairs announced for the 2023-2024 CA Legislative Session:

On December 22, 2022, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) announced committee chairs for the 2023-24 Legislative Session. Remarkably, the committee chairs remain virtually identical to last year, absent appointments to fill vacancies. Additionally, only a few freshmen legislators were appointed chairs, despite such a large incoming class of new folks.

As widely reported, the Assembly Education Committee chair is Al Muratsuchi (D-Torrance). Mike Fong (D-Los Angeles) will lead the Assembly Higher Education Committee, replacing former Assembly Member Jose Medina (D-Riverside).

Despite swirling rumors that the Appropriations Committee would see a new chair, Chris Holden (D-Pasadena) will remain in that seat, for now.

Democrats suffered a painful defeat when their prior Rules Committee chair, Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova) was defeated in November. Speaker Rendon appointed Assembly Member James Ramos (former State Board of Education Member) to fill the position.

Assembly Member Phil Ting (D-San Francisco) remains the Budget Committee chair and Assembly Member Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento) remains the chair of the Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance.

All chairs are subject to change in July when Speaker Rendon has pledged to step aside and allow Assembly Member Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) to assume the Speakership.

Follow up:

California Assembly gets a new speaker: Robert

Rivas<https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2023/06/robert-rivas-new-speaker/>

In National Education & PTA News:

“Keep the Promise” Initiative - Our CUCPTSA ADVOCACY Team leadership team has started a monthly meeting with CUSD Chief Financial Officer, Clark Hampton to partner with the district on advocating for our Federal Government to fully IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1978). The Capistrano Unified School District falls in the 40th and 49th congressional districts. We meet with one of our congress people on Thursday via zoom, Congressman Levin who represents the 49th, to discuss working with his office to advocate for this funding that our students deserve. More info to come and we will definitely need all your voices!

What is IDEA?

<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/about-idea/>

How Special Education Funding Actually Works

Special education is among the most complicated and misunderstood facets of America's sprawling K-12 school landscape.

<https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/how-special-education-funding-actually-works/2023/04>

Key Legislation National PTA is following:

<https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/federal-legislation/Key-legislation>