



**CUCPTSA LEGISLATION/ADVOCACY TEAM**  
**February Report**  
**Monthly meeting Friday, February 3, 2023 @ 9:30am**  
**In person CUSD Boardroom and Via Zoom**  
**Meeting ID: 582 298 5325 Password: NEWYEAR**

**In Local News:**

**RECAP OF THE JANUARY 18, 2023 MEETING:**

The updated Math Plan came before the board for a vote to approve which passed 5-2 after 13 speakers and a lengthy discussion of the board members. Conversations around revising the math plan started in May 2019 and have continued leading up to this vote. Also, discussed was the revised grading policy and the governor's proposed budget. Wanna listen to the meeting or review the minutes? Click here for the audio recording:

<http://cusd.capousd.org/cusdweb/2022-23audio.html>

Trustees voted to hold a special meeting to select a hiring firm that would help the district secure a new Superintendent. The special meeting is tonight, February 1st @ 6pm, with closed session starting at 5:30pm. The board will hear from 4 firms with a proposed scope of work and timeline. They will then vote to hire one.

NEXT CUSD SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING is tonight Wednesday, **February 1, 2023 @ 6PM**. Agenda can be found here:

[https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB\\_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx?S=36030799&MID=18320](https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx?S=36030799&MID=18320)

NEXT CUSD REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING is Wednesday, **February 22, 2023 @ 7PM**. Agenda can be found here when available:

<https://www.capousd.org/Board/Board-Meetings/2022-23-Board-Meeting-Agendas--Minutes/index.html>

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

January 18th Regular Board Meeting:

[https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB\\_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx?S=36030799&MID=17579](https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx?S=36030799&MID=17579)

December 21st Special Board Meeting:

<https://www.capousd.org/documents/Board/2022-2023%20Board%20Agendas/December-21-2022-Special-Board-Meeting-Agenda-Listing.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](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.

### **SAC SAFARI REGISTRATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH!**

Last day to register for Sac Safari is this Sunday! We have 17 A team reps, presidents, PTA members and a Trustee registered so far from CUCPTSA. We are awesome and are going to have so much fun! Register today!

<https://www.fourthdistrictpta.org/sacramento-safari/#sac-safari-registration>

### **CUCPTSA Legislation/Advocacy Racial Equity Book Club:**

For our next discussion we are reading "The Undocumented Americans" by Karla Cornejo Villavicenci. Our next meeting is **Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 8pm** - we are holding a single meeting for this book, and hope you can join us at this time. Please let me know if you are able to attend. If you would like to attend, please contact Michele Ploessel-Campbell by email [myshel@ix.netcom.com](mailto:myshel@ix.netcom.com).

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

<https://cusdinsider.org>

## **The Fentanyl Crisis:**

**"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.

### **State, county issue warnings on rainbow fentanyl** By: Jimmy Knodel

Public health and law enforcement agencies throughout California have issued warnings on a recent trend of brightly-colored fentanyl pills being distributed. Rainbow fentanyl comes in a variety of colors (yellow, blue, red) and resembles candy or sidewalk chalk, making it appealing to school-age children. Fentanyl is an opioid that is the leading cause of death of children 17 years and younger, and a lethal dose is just 2 mg in size.

<https://cusdinsider.org/cdph-ocsd-issued-warnings-on-rainbow-fentanyl/>

### **Ed Department webinar shares risks, solutions for teen fentanyl use** By: Kara Arundel

Illicitly manufactured fentanyl remains one of the biggest risks to teenagers, but schools, families and communities can adopt strategies to reduce use and deaths, said panelists during a Tuesday webinar hosted by the U.S. Department of Education.

[https://www.k12dive.com/news/Risks-solutions-for-teen-fentanyl-use/640597/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Issue:%202023-01-18%20K-12%20Dive%20%5Bissue:47375%5D&utm\\_term=K-12%20Dive](https://www.k12dive.com/news/Risks-solutions-for-teen-fentanyl-use/640597/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202023-01-18%20K-12%20Dive%20%5Bissue:47375%5D&utm_term=K-12%20Dive)

**Proposed South OC Charter School Seeks Approval from OC Board of Education** By Colin Breaux

**<https://www.thecapistranodispatch.com/proposed-south-oc-charter-school-seeks-approval-from-oc-board-of-education/>**

### **January 2023 "Advocacy Communicator"**

**\*February Communicator is not available as of 2/1/23**

**<https://www.fourthdistrictpta.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Advocacy-Communicator-JAN-2023-1.pdf>**

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

#### **Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, January 2023**

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

- Since 2019 the state has been working on the development of a Cradle-to-Career Data System that will combine information from numerous state agencies and education institutions about children from infancy to after college graduation. This will help determine what programs work the best to help children succeed. The online system will roll out over the next five years. It will be open to the public and provide resources to students and parents. Individual information about students will be protected.
- Sacramento Safari is coming up next month! Are we ready to go?
- The Fourth District Advocacy Forum will be held on January 20 at the Orange County Department of Education. The program will be announced soon.
- National PTA is doing a virtual Legislative Conference on March 7 and 8. This is a great opportunity to find out what PTA is doing on the national level.
- The California School Dashboard is back with a new look. The Dashboard provides information about our schools that we can use as we get involved in the development of our school district's Local Control and Accountability Plan.
- California voters approved Prop. 31, which allowed the statewide ban on candy- and fruit-flavored tobacco products to go into effect. Tobacco companies are still trying to fight it, but their request to the Supreme Court to block the law was turned down.
- The California State PTA Legislation Conference will be held March 20 and 21 in Sacramento. There will be more information soon at [capta.org](http://capta.org).
- The next CAPTA Advocacy Webinar on January 17 will be about the governor's proposed state budget. A link to register is in the newsletter.

- **The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County has been released. It has a lot of information and much of it is broken down by city or school district.**

## **In State News:**

### **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.**

**In National PTA News:** The 117<sup>th</sup> Congress is considering the following legislation items. The National PTA positions can be found by [clicking here](#).