



**CUCPTSA LEGISLATION/ADVOCACY TEAM**  
**January Report**  
**Monthly meeting Friday, January 13, 2023 @ 9:30am**  
**Via Zoom Only**  
**Meeting ID: 582 298 5325 Password: NEWYEAR**

**In Local News:**

**During a Special meeting of the CUSD Board of Trustees on December 21st, Superintendent Kirsten Vital Brulte contract was terminated during closed session. The trustees voted 4-3 to terminate her contract with CUSD effective December 31, 2022. Clark Hampton, has been named Interim Superintendent until a new Superintendent is hired. During the transition of our former Superintendent, Joe Farley to Kirsten Vital Brulte, Clark Hampton was also named Interim Superintendent so he is familiar with the process and has the ability to provide stability during this time of transition and continue the work of district staff with the goal of student well being in mind. The board will now have to decide how they will proceed in selecting a new superintendent to lead our district and that is a process. Generally and in the past, trustees vote to use a firm that will find candidates that apply for the job and then the trustees will vote to hire and approve a contract for the selected candidate. Please consider attending the board meetings during these times to stay informed on the process.**

**NEXT CUSD REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING is Wednesday, **January 18, 2023 @ 7PM.** Agenda will be found here once it is posted:**

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

**Our CUCPTSA Legislation/Advocacy Team has worked closely with Superintendent Vital Brulte on numerous things to support the health, safety and wellbeing of all CUSD students. However, there were two very important issues in particular over the last 3 years that deserve highlighting; State Funding for K-12 public schools and COVID relief funding. We met on a monthly basis for the "Raise the Base" initiative and worked side by side in crafting letters, talking points and contacting our respective colleagues to gain support. Additionally, together, we met with all State & Federal Electeds (via zoom) approximately 16 times over a 2 year period during the pandemic to share CUSD's experience, challenges and needs. Although we did not agree on all the policy and program decisions she made (and we made those disagreements known), we ultimately valued her partnership and the working relationship we created. We wish her the best in whatever is next for her.**

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

December 21st Special Board Meeting:

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

December 14th Regular Board Meeting:

<https://www.capousd.org/documents/Board/2022-2023%20Board%20Agendas/December-14-2022-Regular-Board-Meeting-AGENDA-LISTING.pdf>

December 14th Facilities Board Meeting:

[https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB\\_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx?S=36030799&MID=16661](https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx?S=36030799&MID=16661)

November 9th Regular Board Meeting:

<https://www.capousd.org/documents/Board/2022-2023%20Board%20Agendas/November-9-2022-Regular-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&vdiid=wi10b1qsopu12s#2021-22](https://capousd.ca.schoolloop.com/pf4/cms2/view_page?d=x&group_id=151401626888&vdiid=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.

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

For our next discussion we are reading "All Boys Aren't Blue" by George M. Johnson. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 8pm - we are holding a single meeting for this book, and hope you can join us at this time.

The book we are reading following this one is: The Undocumented Americans by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio - if you wish to get a head start on the book for February.

If you would like to attend, please contact Michele Ploessel-Campbell by email [myshel@ix.netcom.com](mailto:myshel@ix.netcom.com).

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<https://cusdinsider.org>

**The Fentanyl Crisis:**

**"Dead on Arrival"** <https://anfhelp.org>

**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/>

**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/>

**Orange Unified's conservative majority fires superintendent with a day's notice** By John Fensterwald

<https://edsource.org/2023/orange-unifieds-conservative-majority-fires-superintendent-with-a-days-notice/683766>

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

**<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](#).