



CUCPTSA LEGISLATION/ADVOCACY TEAM
November 2022
Monthly meeting Friday, November 4, 2022 @ 9:30am
Via Zoom Only
Meeting ID: 582 298 5325 Password: FUNDING

In Local News:

NEXT CUSD REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING is Wednesday, **November 9, 2022 @ 7PM.**

Something to pay attention to: **STAFF REPORT FOR CHARTER PETITION SUBMITTED BY CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY -October 25, 2022** [Click here](#) to see the report.

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:

October 19th Regular Board Meeting:

<https://www.capousd.org/documents/Board/2022-2023%20Board%20Agendas/October-19-2022-Regular-Board-Meeting-Agenda-Listing.pdf>

September 21st Regular Board Meeting:

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

September 15th Special Board Meeting:

<https://www.capousd.org/documents/Board/2022-2023%20Board%20Agendas/September-15-2022-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

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.

Visit CUSD Insider for the most up to date happenings around our district!
<https://cusdinsider.org>

ANHS, Don Juan Avila & Aliso Viejo Middle School are hosting a presentation on the Dangers of Fentanyl with Amy Neville- 11/14/2022 6:30pm at Aliso Niguel High School Library. For more information, visit ANHS PTSA instagram page @ANHSPTSA

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/>

CUCPTSA Legislation/Advocacy Racial Equity Book Club:

For our next discussion we are reading "Signs Preceding The End of the World" by Yuri Herrera, translated by Lisa Dillman.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 30, 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.

Education Foundation Contributes \$250k for Library Renovations at SC High

by:C. Jayden Smith San Clemente Times

<https://www.sanclementetimes.com/education-foundation-contributes-250k-for-library-renovations-at-sc-high/>

From Fourth District PTA:

SAVE THE DATE! Advocacy Forum - Friday, November 18th, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

How can schools reconnect with students and welcome back families?
Hear our panel of OC school district superintendents discuss their challenges and solutions. Open to all PTA members.

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, November 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Fountain Valley School District Boardroom

10055 Slater Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, October 2022 *at the time of publication of this report, the November *Advocacy Communicator* was not available

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

- PTA is nonpartisan, meaning we don't support or oppose candidates. However, we can encourage people to register to vote, provide information about all of the candidates in a school board race through a candidate forum or questionnaire, and encourage people to vote.
- PTA does take positions on legislative bills and ballot propositions. California State PTA is urging a yes vote on Prop. 28, which provides funding for music and arts education at all public schools, and Prop. 31, which would approve a law banning flavored tobacco products.
- Sacramento Safari will be in the state capitol February 27 and 28, 2023. The cost is about \$800 per person, but actually being in Sacramento makes it a much more meaningful experience as compared to being on Zoom. Are we sending someone from our PTA?
- General Election voting in Orange County begins around October 10, when the Registrar of Voters begins mailing out ballots to all registered voters. You can return your ballot by mailing it or depositing it in a Ballot Drop Box. Or you can vote at any Voter Center in Orange County.
- The Communicator has an explanation of where the funding for our schools comes from. It might surprise you.
- AB 1614, which was sponsored by California State PTA, did not pass during the legislative session that recently ended. The bill would have increased the base grant in the Local Control Funding Formula. It may be re-introduced in the next legislative session.
- The next Advocacy Forum is scheduled for November 18 at 9:30 a.m. Put the date on your calendar. These forums are always very interesting and informative.

October 2022 "Advocacy Communicator"

<https://www.fourthdistrictpta.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Advocacy-Communicator-OCT-2022.pdf>

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

In State News:

The next General Election is this Tuesday, November 8, 2022!

Vote Centers are open and are available to anyone wishing to vote in person or to drop off a completed VBM ballot. There are also multiple official OC Registrar of Voters "Ballot drop boxes" to return your completed ballot. Visit ocvote.gov for a list of voting centers and drop boxes.

CA BALLOT Initiatives: CAPTA Takes a SUPPORT Position on these ballot measures:

California State PTA is urging yes votes on two of the propositions on the November ballot.

Prop 28 would provide new funding to assure that all students in kindergarten through high school get arts and music instruction.

Prop. 31 is a referendum that asks voters to approve SB 793, which bans the sale of flavored tobacco products. CAPTA is a strong supporter of SB 793 because flavored tobacco products are enticing many of our young people to begin smoking. Tobacco companies have spent more than \$21 million to try to keep this law from going into effect. Vote "yes" to enforce the ban of the sale of flavored tobacco products.

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 elected officials will be new to us. Senator Bates has termed out and is running for the OC Board of Supervisors seat in November.

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/California+State+PTA+Final+LAC+Report+2022.pdf>

Education on fentanyl, other drugs often optional in California schools, if offered at all by Carolyn Jones Edsource

Even as fentanyl overdoses among young people have skyrocketed in recent years, health education remains optional in most California schools, with some students receiving comprehensive education on the dangers of substance use and other students receiving scant, if any, instruction on the topic.

*Note: this article uses the word "overdose". Amy Neville and other parent advocates that educate the public on this substance, refer to it as a poison. "Fentanyl poisoning" is a term that is more commonly used now.

<https://edsource.org/2022/education-on-fentanyl-other-drugs-often-optional-in-schools-if-offered-at-all/679216>

At the National Level and National PTA:

Redistricting:

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

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

Capo is 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).

More than 1,600 books banned during 2021-22 school year, report finds by Jo Yurcaba as reported in the National PTA update email from 9/24/2022

About 50 conservative groups were involved in at least half of the roughly 2,500 book bans enacted last year, the anti-censorship nonprofit group PEN America said.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/out-news/1600-books-banned-2021-22-school-year-report-finds-rcna48367>

Why National Advocates Are Getting More Involved in School Board Elections

by Libby Stanford Edweek.org

At the center of national groups' efforts to influence campaigns are the candidates themselves, who are often driven by hyper-local concerns that don't have a spot on the national stage.

<https://www.edweek.org/leadership/why-national-advocates-are-getting-more-involved-in-school-board-elections/2022/10>

Fighting fentanyl: Schools tackle opioid crisis head-on by [Kara Arundel](#) , [Shaun Lucas](#) and [Jasmine Ye Han](#) K-12 Dive

When two 8th grade students died within days of each other in 2016 after using synthetic opioids, the Park City School District in Utah went into full crisis response mode.

https://www.k12dive.com/news/fighting-fentanyl-schools-tackle-opioid-crisis-head-on/634647/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202022-10-31%20K-12%20Dive%20%5Bissue:45640%5D&utm_term=K-12%20Dive

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)

[H.R. 3451: To protect children affected by immigration enforcement actions.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

[H.R. 3452: To amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that immigration status alone does not disqualify a parent, legal guardian, or relative from being a placement for a foster child, to authorize discretion to a State, county, or other political subdivision of a State to delay filing for termination of parental rights in foster care cases in which an otherwise fit and willing parent or legal guardian has been deported or is involved in \(including detention pursuant to\) an immigration](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

[H.R. 4019: To protect and educate children about the dangers of e-cigarettes and other electronic nicotine delivery systems, and for other purposes.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

[H.R. 4381: To effectively staff the public elementary schools and secondary schools of the United States with school-based mental health services providers.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

[H.R. 4742: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on nicotine used in vaping, etc.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

[H.R. 4786: RISE Act of 2021](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

[H.R. 5463: To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require a study of the time and duration of school lunch periods, and for other purposes.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

[H.R. 5526: Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

[H.R. 5611: Protecting Student Athletes From Concussions Act of 2020](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

- ✓ [H.R. 5919: Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)
- ✓ [H.R. 6526: Healthy Meal Time Act of 2022](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)
- ✓ [H.R. 6608: Scratch Cooked Meals for Students Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)
- ✓ [H.R. 6613: Keeping School Meals Flexible Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)
- ✓ [HR 5216: Protecting Student Athletes From Concussions Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)
- ✓ [HR 6608: Scratch Cooked Meals for Students Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)
- ✓ [S. 441: STURDY Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)
- ✓ [S. 788: A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation, and for other purposes.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)
- ✓ [S. 1119: A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to prohibit the stigmatization of children who are unable to pay for meals.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)
- ✓ [S. 1811: Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)
- ✓ [S. 1832: A bill to protect and educate children about the dangers of e-cigarettes and other electronic nicotine delivery systems, and for other purposes.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)
- ✓ [S. 2097: Protecting Sensitive Locations Act](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)
- ✓ [S. 2492: Suicide Training and Awareness Nationally Delivered for Universal Prevention Act of 2019](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)
- ✓ [S. 2499: A bill to effectively staff the public elementary schools and secondary schools of the United States with school-based mental health services providers.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)
- ✓ [S. 2548: A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)
- ✓ [S. 2600: A bill to promote minimum State requirements for the prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports, and for other purposes.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

✓ [S. 2930: Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

✓ [S. 3979: Support Kids Not Red Tape Act of 2022](#) | 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)

Education Technology and Student Data Privacy

✓ [S. 558: CAMRA Act](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

✓ [S. 738: A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to make the provision of Wi-Fi access on school buses eligible for E-rate support.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

✓ [S. 1167: A bill to require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish a State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, and for other purposes.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

Elementary and Secondary Education

✓ [H.R. 3322: Renew America's Schools Act of 2019](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

✓ [H.R. 4220: Chronic Absenteeism Reduction in Every School \(CARES\) Act](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

✓ [H.R. 6214: Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

✓ [H.R. 6532: To authorize funding for section 619 and part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)


✓ [H.Res. 29: Supporting the teaching of climate change in schools.](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)


● [S. 5: Educational Opportunities Act](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

 [S. 213: A bill to amend the SOAR Act.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

 [S. 235: Teachers Are Leaders Act](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

 [S. 266: A bill to provide for the long-term improvement of public school facilities, and for other purposes.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

 [S. 579: A bill to provide grants to eligible local educational agencies to help public schools reduce class size in the early elementary grades, and for other purposes.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

 [S. 1299: A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants to local educational agencies to encourage girls and underrepresented minorities to pursue studies and careers in STEM fields.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

 [S. 1890: Renew America's Schools Act of 2019](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

 [S. 2784: Family Friendly Schools Act](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

 [S. 3356: Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

 [SRES 520: A resolution designating the week of February 21 through February 25, 2022, as "Public Schools Week".](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

 [HRES 939: Expressing support for the designation of the week of February 21 through February 25, 2022, as "Public Schools Week".](#) | 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)

 [H.R. 3647: Impact Aid Infrastructure Act](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

 [H.R. 5581: Arts Education for All 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)

[✓S. 1172: A bill to require full funding of part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

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)

[✓H.R. 1446: Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

[✓H.R. 5428: School Shooting Safety and Preparedness Act](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

[✓S. 42: Background Check Expansion Act](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

[✓S. 66: Assault Weapons Ban of 2019](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

[✓S. 184: Gun Violence Prevention Research Act](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

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

[✓S. 506: Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2019](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

Post-Secondary Access and Opportunity

[✓S. 874: Dream Act of 2019](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

Special Education

[✓H.R. 3086: To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide students with disabilities and their families with access to critical information needed to select the right college and succeed once enrolled.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

[✓H.R. 4107: To authorize funding for section 619 and part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

[✓H.R. 5739: To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to change certain Federal Pell Grant requirements for certain students with disabilities, and for other purposes.](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022)

[✓S. 866: A bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

[✓S. 1585: RISE Act of 2019](#) | 116th Congress (2019-2020)

