

October Advocacy Bullet Points

Federal

- Presidential Candidates Positions on Education
- Hilary Clinton- Universal pre-school for all within 10 years, more federal subsidies and tax benefits for childcare, create RAISE (Respect and Increased Salaries for Early Educators Initiative- launch campaigns to modernize teaching programs, provide funds for technology in all classrooms, increase the Modernize the School Bonds to provide capital to fix the public schools, dismantle “school to prison pipeline”, supports public and charter schools as a way to offer choice, does not support voucher system.
- Donald Trump- \$20 billion immediately towards School Choice (voucher) by re-prioritizing existing tax dollars, work with Congress to make sure colleges are making good effort to reduce costs, ensure that college is easier to attend, pay for and finish college and/or trade/vocational school, child care-rewrite tax code for more deductions for up to 4 children, create a dynamic market for family and community based solutions, tax free dependent care savings account for kids (and elderly adults), provide an Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit (child rebate) for low income households and a matching \$500 contribution for their savings account, 6 weeks paid maternity leave, incentivizing employers to provide childcare at workplace.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT – www.hillaryclinton.com, www.trump.com

National PTA Approves Resolutions at 2016 National Convention in Orlando, FL

The resolutions are national in scope, but have impact at the local, council, and state levels of PTA. The power of a resolution is to enable PTA members, leaders and public policy and program teams to join with others to build partnerships, from coalitions, increase awareness, develop programs and lobby makers.

Approved resolutions:

- Electronic Cigarettes and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) and Youth
- Homework: Quality over Quantity
- Recognition of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/ Questioning (LGBTQ) individuals as a Protected Class
- Water Safety and Instruction

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STATE

- In alignment with the Common Core Standards and the Local Control Funding Formula, the State Board of Education created an updated accountability system report entitled *Preparing All Students for College, Career, Life, and Leadership in the 21st Century*. The report was crafted by a diverse group of stakeholders and calls for an accountability system based on performance, improvement, and equity. California State PTA was

represented. The accountability system also aligns with and extends the provisions outlined in the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

- FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: www.cde.ca.gov/be

California PTA Supported Ballot Propositions

- **PROPOSITION 51- SUPPORT *School Bonds. Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities. Initiative Statutory Amendment***
- **PROPOSITION 55 - SUPPORT *Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare***
- **PROPOSITION 56- SUPPORT *Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute***
- **PROPOSITION 58- SUPPORT *SB 1174 (Chapter 753, Statutes of 2014), Lara. The California Education for a Global Economy Initiative (California EdGE).***
- **PROPOSITION 63 – SUPPORT *Firearms. Ammunitions Sales, Initiative Statute.***
- FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT : www.capta.org

LOCAL

CUCPTSA HAS PASSED A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT MEASURE M

- CUSD schools are aging. They range in age from 8 years to 90 years. 70% are 20 plus and 30% are 40 plus years old.
- After years of major funding cuts, and working with the current Local Control Funding Formula, major funding is needed for aging and extensive repair to school facilities.
- The LCFF for CUSD only provides a base grant for each student. The district does not qualify for any additional grants such as supplemental or concentration. For CUSD, these operating funds are well below the state average. These operating funds have not been intended or provided for major facility refurbishment or replacement. The significant funding shortage in maintenance and operations commitment from the state has a huge effect on the state of CUSD schools.
- CUSD has Planned Facility Improvements for years working with stakeholder inputs. In 2009, the Facilities Master Plan was created and has been updated through the years to present. Every school is eligible for the funds.
- Community input has /was collected and recommendation was made by the Community on School Classrooms and Campus Facilities Group. The group recommended a district-wide funding model in the form of a bond. 170 school districts in California have a school facility bond on the November ballot.

- **Local Funding by way of a bond is the only funding method that can address the large amount required. Again, operating funds have never been intended to fund major facility projects.**
- **A successful bond measure is the only way for CUSD to be eligible for MATCHING FUNDS up to \$229 million from State Proposition 51. If 51 passes and Measure M does not, the matching money will go to other school districts that have the matching funds.**
- **Measure M would assess at \$43 per \$100,000 of tax assessed value, not market value. With an average assessed value of \$385,000 in the assessed area, the average bond assessment would be @ \$185 /year or about \$15.50 / month.**
- **Projects are listed on the CUSD web site and are organized by school site.**
- **Bonds will be issued in increments-not all at the same time.**
- **By law, Bond funds MUST be used for safety improvements and modernization, and cannot be used for salaries, pensions, daily operations, maintenance operations, or consumables. Money must be used locally.**
- **CUSD will set aside 2% of the operating budget for routine annual maintenance of facilities. Each year, funds will also be placed in a special reserve to meet future construction, deferred maintenance, and repair needs.**
- **Measure M will create 3 types of oversight committees. The *Independent Citizen Oversight Committee* will be comprised of community members. The *School Facilities and Finance Committee* will include representation from all the school feeder patterns, and the *School Family Regional Committees* will have representatives from each school site.**
- **Measure M will have 2 annual independent audits: an Annual Performance Audit and an Annual Financial Audit.**
- **A district-wide bond is the only way to ensure that EVERY CHILD is provided an updated, safe, modern, high quality facility.**
- **The Resolution and accompanying Bond Analysis can be found on CUCPTSA.com**

CUSD College & Career Counseling – CUSD futureology.org

CUSD has opened a College & Career counseling service now open at the district's satellite office at The Shops at Mission Viejo. The counselors offer a 1 on 1 specialized counseling on the following:

Best Fit College Search, College Application Assistance, Essay Orientation Brainstorming, Financial Aid & Scholarship support, Academic & Testing Timeline, Extracurricular Activity Strategy, Student Athletic Guidance, Planning Your College Visits, Test Prep, Naviance Usage Strategies, Interviewing, Resume, Job Prep Skills, Career Exploration, Aptitude Survey-interpretation & application.

The center will also sponsor parent Ed nights. To make an appointment- access the website through your student's CUSD Google account. New website coming soon- CUSD-FUTUREology.org

OTHER KEY ITEMS

- A Parent Council for GATE was formed in partnership with CUSD to review the GATE program making changes to improve the program and align with new Common Core Standards.
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- At the September 28th CUSD Board Meeting, Board Members voted 6-0-1 to eliminate decade old Mello Roos tax:
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- Resolution No. 1617-40 Resolution of the Board of Trustees ... Dissolving Community Facilities District No. 87-1 of the Capistrano Unified School District (Mission Viejo/Aliso Viejo) and Approving Recordation of Notice of Cessation of Special Tax-
- Resolution No. 1617-41 Resolution of the Board of Trustees.... Dissolving Community Facilities District No. 88-1 of the Capistrano Unified School District (Rancho Santa Margarita) eliminating all tax liens and approving Recordation of Notice Thereof
- Resolution No. 1617-42 Resolution of the Board of Trustees..... Dissolving Community Facilities District No. 94-1 of the Capistrano Unified School District (Rancho Santa Margarita) eliminating all tax liens and approving Recordation of Notices Thereof.
- For more information and to review the meetings notes – visit the CUSD website/Board of Trustees / Minutes

Elementary School Update: Four Reading Programs:

1. Dibels- quick 1 on 1 (2-3 min) reading assessment every K-5 student receives at beginning of school year. Universal screener- mid- year Dibels for those not at grade level, end of year to see if improvement. Reading intervention has started
2. Voyager- reading intervention program 1-5 grades- more than grade level below-significantly below- group of six students instruction during the day
3. GFI Great First Instruction- pre-school-12, - lesson preparation, interaction, strategies to promote discussion, reviews & assessments
4. Curriculum Pilot Continues- K-5 new programs by December, 1. Benchmark 2. Wonders, will replace Open Court

“Ticket to Read” online reading program K-5 – at grade level or above- goes up to 7th grade level of reading

High School Update:

1. Capo Valley High School – has a new technology lab& classroom featuring Solid Works/Auto CAD, 3-D Printer
2. San Clemente High School- CISCO lab classroom – design and manufacturing programming lab, includes cyber security etc. Students can gain CISCO certification through this lab.
3. Dana Hills High School – selected to participate in the new Hospitality Academy in partnership with Monarch Beach Resort.

Important Dates:

October 1st Online registration opens for Sacramento Safari Fourth District Website

October 1st New date for submitting FAFSA Application (Federal Financial Aid for college & career)

October 20th- Special Education CAC Meeting 9:30 a.m. District Office

October 24th- last day to register to vote- postmarked or submitted electronically

October 26th- CUSD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. District Boardroom

October 26th “A Dose of Reality” – About Opioids 6:30 p.m. Saddleback Church, Lake Forest
Free event given to inform on the latest school campus trends. Visit www.3gsopioid.eventbrite.com

October 28th Fourth District Advocacy Forum 9:30-11:30 Location TBD

October 31st No School

Information on Measure M- www.capousd.ca.schoolloop.com

Information on parameters on PTA’s roles in elections and ballot measures: www.capta.org-toolkit.