



CUCPTSA LEGISLATION/ADVOCACY TEAM
October 2022
Monthly meeting Friday, October 7, 2022 @ 9:30am
CUSD Training Room 1& 2 and Zoom Option
Meeting ID: 582 298 5325 Password: RFTB

In Local News:

NEXT CUSD REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING is Wednesday, **October 19, 2022 @ 7PM**. 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.

Update from the September 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting:

CAC/Special Education (Community Advisory Committee) gave their annual report and invited parents to join them at their monthly meetings!

There was a presentation on the District Music Programs by grade level.

District goals for 2022-2023 were presented and are:

1. Continue deepening the work of our academic achievement plan and develop a Districtwide Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Plan for Social Emotional Support with a clearly articulated focus on middle school mental health.
2. Establish standard operating procedures and systems for processes created and implemented in Human Resource Services (i.e. investigations, transfers, hiring, staffing, professional development on evaluations).
3. Develop school capacity analysis and timelines with communication goals based on the California Department of Education (CDE) best practices.
4. Educate the public about facilities and state funding for schools, including information about our current bond efforts.

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

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

September 21st Regular Board Meeting:

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

August 17th Regular Board Meeting:

<https://www.capousd.org/documents/Board/2022-2023%20Board%20Agendas/August-17-2022-Regular-Board-Meeting-Agenda-Listing.pdf>

July 13th Regular Board Meeting:

<https://www.capousd.org/documents/Board/2022-2023%20Board%20Agendas/July-13-2022-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=15140162688&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.

[CUSD College Fair - Monday, October 3rd \(5:00PM to 7:00PM\) @ San Juan Hills High School](#)

Meet over 100+ colleges and universities in our district-wide college fair. Connect with reps from the CSU's, ALL UC campuses, local community colleges, international universities, out-of-state universities, and more! View who is attending on [our College Fair website](#).

Avoid crowds and traffic! Take advantage of FREE overflow parking:

- Free Shuttles from Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park (30753 La Pata Road, San Juan Capistrano)
- Additional overflow parking walking distance to SJHHS at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (29273 Stallion Ridge, San Juan Capistrano)

We are implementing a timed entry registration to ensure a streamlined fair-going experience for all! Register on our website [HERE](#).

- **CUSD College Fair Break Out Sessions** - Tuesday, October 4th and Wednesday, October 5th (4:00 to 7:00PM) @ Online via Zoom

In addition to our in-person fair, we will be hosting two days of college-related online breakout sessions! Colleges will be presenting on various topics relevant to your college-going journey.

Topics include: Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), NCAA for student athletes, Financial Aid 101, UC Admissions, our very popular College Admissions Parent Orientation, and more!

Registration is required, please register on our website [HERE](#).

WE NEED TO TALK

W/ AMY NEVILLE & MIKE DARNOLD

RSVP

SONIA A. MOSER
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER LIAISON
SOMOSER@CAPOUSD.ORG
949-234-5597

TOPICS:

- * OPIOIDS/FENTANYL
- * IT'S EVERYWHERE
- * CASUAL USE (NON-ADDICTS)
- * AN EVERYBODY PROBLEM
- * SNAPCHAT
- * STATISTICS

"HOW WILL THIS AFFECT MY CHILD?"

DANA POINT COMMUNITY CENTER
34052 DEL OBISPO ST.

ALEXANDER NEVILLE
FOUNDATION

6:30-8:00 PM - OCT 3

* SOME TOPICS MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN. PLEASE FIND A WAY TO ATTEND ANYWAY.



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

CUSD Launches Brand New App

We are pleased to announce the new, easy to use Capistrano Unified School District Mobile App. Our District app now brings your school's most important information directly to your mobile device. Select the schools you want to follow and receive only the information that you want to hear. Visit

<https://cusdinsider.org/cusd-launches-brand-new-app/> for more information!

"Paper" is back to give CUSD students a boost

Capistrano Unified School District is proud to once again partner with Paper Tutoring to provide students FREE online tutoring resources. Paper Tutoring is available for all 3rd-12th grade students to use as much as they want, in all subjects.

<https://cusdinsider.org/paper-is-back-to-give-cusd-students-a-boost/>

CUCPTSA Legislation/Advocacy Racial Equity Book Club:

For our next discussion we are reading "Forgotten Fire" by Adam Bagdasarian AND also "The Poet X" by Elizabeth Acevedo. Both of these books were rejected by our Board of Trustees last February, despite being strongly recommended by the IMRC and requested by our educators.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 9am** - we are holding a single meeting for these books, 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.

***at the time of publication of this report, the October *Advocacy Communicator* was not available From Fourth District PTA:**

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, September 2022

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

- California is starting the school year with another record-breaking education budget. There is additional money for mental health services, Transitional Kindergarten, STEM education, school construction, and various interventions to help students recover from educational lags due to COVID. We need to pay attention to how our district is spending this money and be ready to give our input.

- All PTA members are invited to the Fourth District PTA Advocacy Training Workshop on September 16 at the Orange County Department of Education. There is always a lot of important information at these events!
- 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.
- Last February, Fourth District PTA members voted to support SB 286, which would have changed the election for Orange County School Board members from the Primary to the General Election. The bill was held back in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, which effectively killed it.
- The Communicator has a list of websites to help us be informed voters for the November General Election.

September 2022 "Advocacy Communicator"

<https://www.fourthdistrictpta.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Advocacy-Communicator-SEPT-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 Tuesday, November 8, 2022!

Voting is no longer a one day event! In 2020, the OC Registrar of Voters started sending vote by mail ballots out to every registered voter in Orange County. For the November 8th General Election, VBM ballots will be mailed out on Oct 10, 2022 and the deadline to register to vote in this election is Oct 24, 2022. Vote Centers will open on Oct 29, 2022 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:

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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>

Despite divisions, math framework must be a 'North Star,' experts say by Carolyn Jones Edsource.org

While disagreements persist about the details, experts at an EdSource roundtable agreed Thursday that California’s new K-12 math guidelines — regardless of their ultimate focus — should inspire and engage students of all backgrounds, and maximize students’ options as they head to college or choose careers. <https://edsource.org/2022/despite-divisions-math-framework-must-be-a-north-star-experts-say/675992>

Gov. Newsom strikes deal on state budget: big increase for K-12, plan to expand Cal Grant, too by John Fensterwald and Michael Burke

13% increase in the funding formula to cope with staff shortages, inflation

<https://edsource.org/2022/gov-newsom-strikes-deal-on-state-budget-big-increase-for-k-12-maybe-f-or-cal-grants-too/674680>

Cities and towns across California only get the libraries they can afford by

Emma Gallegos Edsource.org

Visiting the library in the small town of Planada means visiting a bookmobile with no air conditioning in the sweltering heat of the San Joaquin Valley. But Sofia Rodriguez visits often, pulling her young children in their red wagon. The youngsters are bookworms who eagerly anticipate exchanging their library books for a stack of new ones.

<https://edsource.org/2022/cities-and-towns-across-california-only-get-the-libraries-they-can-afford/677969>

At the National Level and National PTA:

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>

Education leaders share academic, SEL recovery efforts in House subcommittee hearing by Karen Arunel K-12 Dive

In a wide-ranging hearing in front of the House Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee Tuesday, panelists discussed COVID-19 academic and social-emotional recovery hardships, as well as solutions educators are using to help students get back on track academically, socially and emotionally

https://www.k12dive.com/news/educators-share-academic-sel-recovery-efforts-with-lawmakers/632344/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202022-09-21%20K-12%20Dive%20%5Bissue:44698%5D&utm_term=K-12%20Dive

Take Action: Urge Congress to Prioritize the Mental Health of Students by Passing the STANDUP Act

The Suicide Training and Awareness Nationally Delivered for Universal Prevention Act (**STANDUP Act**) is the first federal legislation providing uniform research-based suicide prevention and awareness standards in schools to address the mental health needs of students. The bill currently has 46 bipartisan sponsors (38 Democrats and 8 Republicans).

<https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/take-action>

Redistricting:

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

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

Capo seems to be 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).

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)