CAPISTRANO UNIFIED PTSA ADVOCACY

ADVOCACY GOALS

2026-2028

State Priorities

- Adequate, equitable state funding for public schools, including facilities needs.
- A stable and sustainable public-school finance system.
- Transparency and accountability through Local Control and Accountability Plans.
- Appropriate local flexibility in decision-making and fiscal planning.
- Policies and practices that improve student attendance.
- Access to a full, well-rounded curriculum for every student.
- Student health, safety, and well-being.
- Efforts to reduce opportunity gaps for students.
- A skilled and qualified education workforce.

Federal Priorities

- Strengthen family engagement in public education.
- Access to a well-rounded public education, equity protections, and accountability to families and communities.
- Student access to highly qualified educators.
- Increased federal investment in IDEA and other programs serving students with disabilities.
- Federal programs and policies that promote student safety and well-being.
- Promote, in our schools and communities, gun safety and violence prevention programs.

Local Priorities

Family and Community Engagement

- Meaningful parent, student, and community engagement in district decision-making.
- Clear communication and public understanding of CUSD schools and priorities.
- Partnerships that strengthen student achievement.
- Diversity, inclusion, and a sense of belonging in school communities.
- Public understanding of school funding, facilities, and student program

Local Priorities

Student Achievement and Opportunity

- Learning environments that help students succeed.
- Resources that advance California's academic standards and student learning.
- Access to visual and performing arts education for all students.
- College, career, and future readiness for all students.
- Equitable access to technology, training, and professional learning.
- Effective academic guidance and postsecondary planning for students.
- Civic learning and student engagement.
- Adequate staffing levels to support every student's needs.

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Facilities and Technology

- Transparent planning for school facilities, modernization, repair, and upgrades.
- Timely implementation of district technology plans and upgrades.

Student Wellness and School Climate

- Student access to counseling, health services, and a safe, nurturing school environment.
- Programs that promote physical wellness and student health.
- Age-appropriate health education and student well-being resources.
- Bullying and cyberbullying prevention and resources for all students and families.
- School-safety and prevention education programs.
- Age-appropriate education/ programs regarding vaping and substance-use prevention.