

Highlights for September:

- Count down to 2020 election is on- PTA is one of the largest and longest Bipartisan child advocacy groups in the United States
- This is the second year of the current state legislative session. California State PTA is a co-sponsor of AB 39, which would set a new funding goal for the base grant in the Local Control Funding Formula. The goal is to get the state's per-pupil funding within the top 10 states nationwide, instead of close to the bottom where we have been for many years.
- CAPTA also supports bills that would:
 - require schools to offer at least one full-day kindergarten (AB 197)
 - require later start times for middle and high school (SB 328)
 - place a new school facilities bond on the March 2020 ballot (AB 48)
 - require online training for teachers to support LGBTQ students (AB 493)
 - forbid the expulsion of students for disrupting school activities or defying school authority (SB 419)
- California schools are getting about \$6.4 billion more than last year. About \$2 billion of that will be money distributed through the Local Control Funding Formula, which each district decides how to spend. New funding is also designated for specific state priorities, such as increasing the number of children who can attend preschool, adding more science, math, bilingual and special education teachers, especially in high-needs schools, and providing more services for special education children, including those in preschool. The state is also putting about \$400 million in an education Rainy Day Fund

National PTA is asking for help on their 2 calls to actions:

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

- National PTA is asking for member to tell Congress to enact sensible solutions to end gun violence that protect children and families like supporting the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019 (H.R. 8)
- Send congress an email to ensure children detained at the border are protected and their needs adequately met.
- California State PTA is proud to co-sponsor [SB 328 \(Portantino\)](#), which would require that high schools in California start classes no earlier than 8:30 a.m. - and no earlier than 8 a.m. for middle schools - in order to help students succeed. **We need your help to get SB 328 passed in the State Assembly! Visit:** <https://www.votervoice.net/CAPTA/campaigns/66301/respond>