

## **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR GLENDALE COUNCIL PTA PRESIDENT:**

Dear PTA Friends,

Last week was a busy week for our local PTA's and I am pleased to report that we wrapped up our week with much to celebrate! Our Annual Administrator's Meeting and Luncheon was a huge success with close to 90 guests from all walks of town enthusiastically reflecting on the partnership between PTA and Glendale schools. Our tables were decorated with artwork created by the students of College View School and a delicious, abundant buffet of contemporary Chinese cuisine was enjoyed by all. Glendale Council VP of Special Events, Lourdes Wang deserves the credit and our heartfelt appreciation for her tireless efforts in meticulously overseeing details. Thank you, Lourdes!

CAPTA hosted it's Regional Leadership Conference on Saturday in Camarillo and provided excellent leadership workshops, training, and table talks as well as an exhibitor fair and networking opportunities. I spent the day amazed at how cool PTA really is. At 119 years strong, the essence of our mission is still the same. It is to make sure kids feel loved, supported, and ready to take on the world!

Strengthening parent engagement is critical. What PTA does sends a message, so when you pick activities for your site, consider the purpose. Look at who is participating. Our events send messages simply by whom they include in the event. Speaking of parent engagement and inclusion please consider joining the LCAP committee. The committee is in its third year and is the roadmap for how our school district moves forward. The first meeting of the year for 2016-2017 is this Wednesday, October 5th from 6:30-8:30pm and includes food and childcare. Please consider joining us in the GUSD Board room. Dr. Rinder's invitation to you follows below.

The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) is offering a full day workshop focused on helping attendees interpret, understand, and use the new LCFF ( Local Control Funding Formula) evaluation rubrics as a tool to support improvement for all students. The workshop will also touch on changes to the Local Control Accountability Plan ( LCAP). The workshop is on November 9th from 9 AM to 5 PM at the Los Angeles Convention Center. I have registered for this workshop and can bring along a team of 8 additional members, based on availability. If you are interested in joining me, please email me by Thursday October 6th. The first 8 emails will be registered on our team.

Many of you have shared exciting news about your progress with Reflections at your sites. Keep up the great work. Arts education is critical and the Reflections

Program is a fantastic way for students to engage with one of the platforms in a creative and meaningful way. Please continue to send in your membership paperwork as well as various remittances to Council to keep your units in good standing. Congrats to Lea Awni for winning the raffle at our Association meeting!

I will close with warm Rosh Hashana greetings to all of the Jews in our community. This Rosh Hashanah marks the Jewish New Year 5777, and a time for celebration and reflection. Shana Tova!

In your service I remain,

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President

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**A MESSAGE FROM DR. DEBRA RINDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**SECONDARY SERVICES:**

Our first LCAP/Roadmap to Success meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2016 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Board room. The time was changed to hopefully encourage more parent participation. **Additionally, food, babysitting and translators will be available.**

California's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)/Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) is designed to provide local educational agencies with information and decision making control to align resources to meet the needs of all students with a particular focus on improving outcomes for low-income, English Learners, and foster youth. The state has identified a broad range of priorities and related metrics that aim to bring attention to areas of strengths and possible growth to attain locally meaningful outcomes for all students ([www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov)).

If you have not done so already, could you promote parent participation via your website/newsletter/agendas? That would be appreciated as we look to engage

more parents in the LCAP process. The schedule of the meetings is attached.  
(SEE ATTACHMENT AT BOTTOM OF BULLETIN)

Parents who are interested can also just show up on October 5 at 6:30pm or November 10 and we will add them to our list.

For your information, we will also be creating an LCAP/Roadmap to Success roadshow by clusters to promote awareness/engagement in the near future. More details to follow.

If you could continue to promote as you see fit that would be appreciated. Thanks for all you do. Have a great week.

GO GUSD!

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**Don't miss out: Deadlines approach for  
scholarships, grants and awards!**

*California State PTA helps you and your PTA do good things for kids!*

**Scholarships for PTA members**

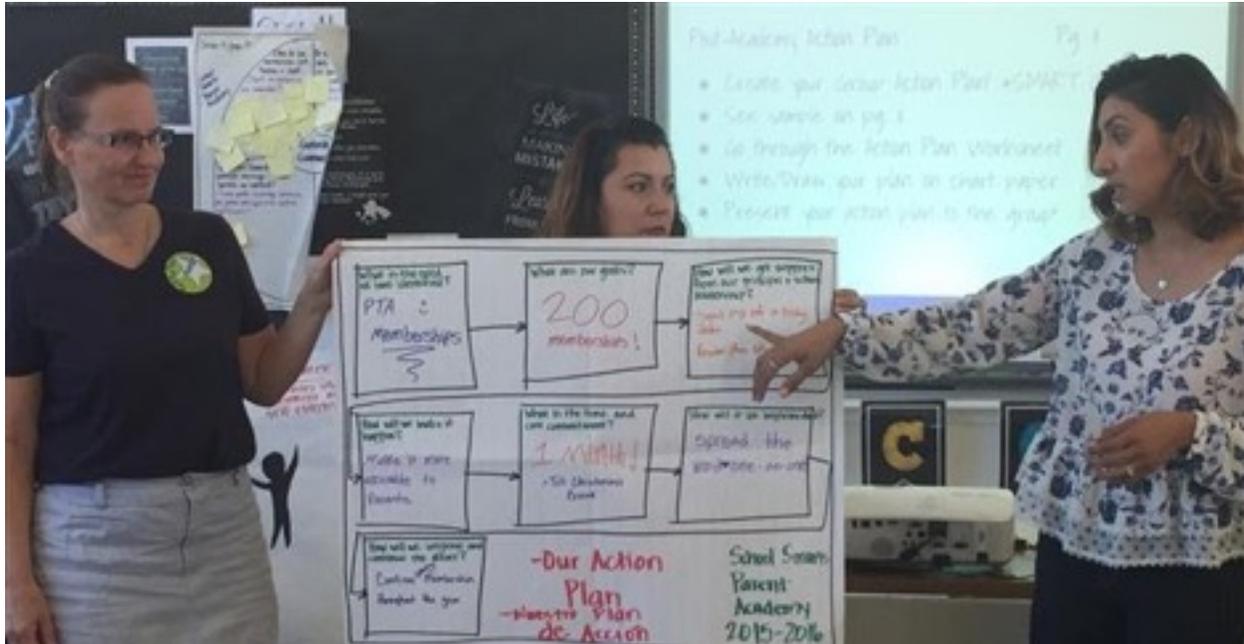


To help you continue on your educational path, California State PTA is proud to offer several [scholarship programs for school professionals and volunteers](#). Several \$500 scholarships will be given to school nurses, teachers, counselors and PTA volunteers who are PTA members!

**The deadline to apply for these scholarships is October 15** (*for 2016, applications will be accepted through Monday, **October 17***). For general questions about these scholarships, please contact the California State PTA Scholarship and Grant Chairman at [grants@capta.org](mailto:grants@capta.org).

**APPLY NOW**

## **Grants help your PTA achieve**



Is your PTA researching a new outreach program, or perhaps expanding on current success? Then apply for [California State PTA's Program Grants](#). Available to unit, council and district PTAs in good standing, these annual grants are geared to address:

- Parent Education
- Cultural Arts
- Outreach Translation
- Healthy Lifestyle.

**The deadline to apply for these grants is October 15** (for 2016, applications will be accepted through Monday, **October 17**). For general questions about these important scholarship and grant programs, please contact the California State PTA Scholarship and Grant Chairman at [grants@capta.org](mailto:grants@capta.org).

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## Spotlight Awards get your PTA noticed



PTA members do good things for kids each and every day. And the California State PTA [Spotlight Awards](#) are here to help recognize and share your PTA's special programs.

**The deadline to apply for these awards is February 1.** For general questions about the Spotlight Awards, please contact the California State PTA Spotlight Award Committee Chairman at [awards@capta.org](mailto:awards@capta.org).

## Elections: Decisions that Matter for Kids



With the November election approaching, it's time to take a close look at state and local measures that affect our schools and our children. At Ed100, we want to give you the information you need to make informed decisions. Here are resources to make your homework a whole lot easier:

### **Ed100 [Parent Leader Guide on Elections](#)**

Designed to help busy leaders, this ready-to-go guide gives you the background you need to understand state [initiatives](#), [school funding](#), school [facilities](#) and more...

We hope that this guide will help you create lively, informed conversations in your school community.

In many communities, your ballot may include a [parcel tax](#) to help fill education funding gaps and/or a [bond measure](#) to finance local school construction. Your ballot almost certainly includes a [school board election](#) for your district or [county](#). Informed voters like you, dear readers, have an important role to play!

### **What's on the state ballot in California?**

Here is a quick tour of the education issues you need to be ready to vote on.

- **Proposition 51** School Bonds. This authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for new construction and modernization of K–12

public schools and California Community Colleges. [[Official Summary here](#)]

- **Proposition 55** Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare. This extends an existing temporary personal income tax increase on high income earners for 12 years. It is projected to generate between \$4 billion to \$9 billion annually. About half of this amount goes to schools and community colleges.
- It also supports state budget reserves and debt payments and could support health care for low-income children and families. If this tax is not extended, schools will not have this projected \$4 billion in funding. [[Official Summary here](#)]
- **Proposition 58** English Proficiency. Multilingual Education. This supports programs for English language learners. It authorizes school districts to establish dual-language immersion programs for both native and non-native English speakers. It requires school districts to solicit parent/community input in developing language acquisition programs. It preserves an existing requirement that public schools ensure students attain English language proficiency. [[Official Summary here](#)]

(Just for fun: We thought we made these summaries brief -- Damian Carroll has taken it a step further by condensing the ballot to [haikus!](#))

### **Find out more**

Wondering about the pros and cons? Wondering who supports and who does not? Details are in the state voter guide. (Just click on the heading for each proposition above and it will take you there.)

For even more...check out:

- The [Voter's Edge](#) from the League of Women Voters and [Ballotpedia](#). Both of these non-partisan sources give lots more details.
- These children's advocacy organizations, which have taken positions on the initiatives: [California State PTA](#) and [Common Sense Kids Action](#).
- Local organizations like the League of Women Voters and the PTA often conduct forums to help you find out more about local issues and candidates.

### **Ready to vote?**

- Make sure you are [registered to vote](#) by Oct. 24.
- Look up your [polling place](#).

Comments or suggestions? Just send us a note at [Carol@ed100.org](mailto:Carol@ed100.org).

**You can win \$1,000 for your PTA while increasing your knowledge of key K-12 education issues.**

**Here's how it works:** For each short lesson you read on [Ed100.org](http://Ed100.org), you earn a ticket in a drawing for the benefit of your school's PTA. The more tickets you earn, the better chance your PTA has to [win](#).

**The next drawing is November 16**  
**Where is your school on the Leaderboard?**

## Learn More

**Ed100.org Topics Include:**

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[College and Career Readiness](#)  
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# Why PTA?'

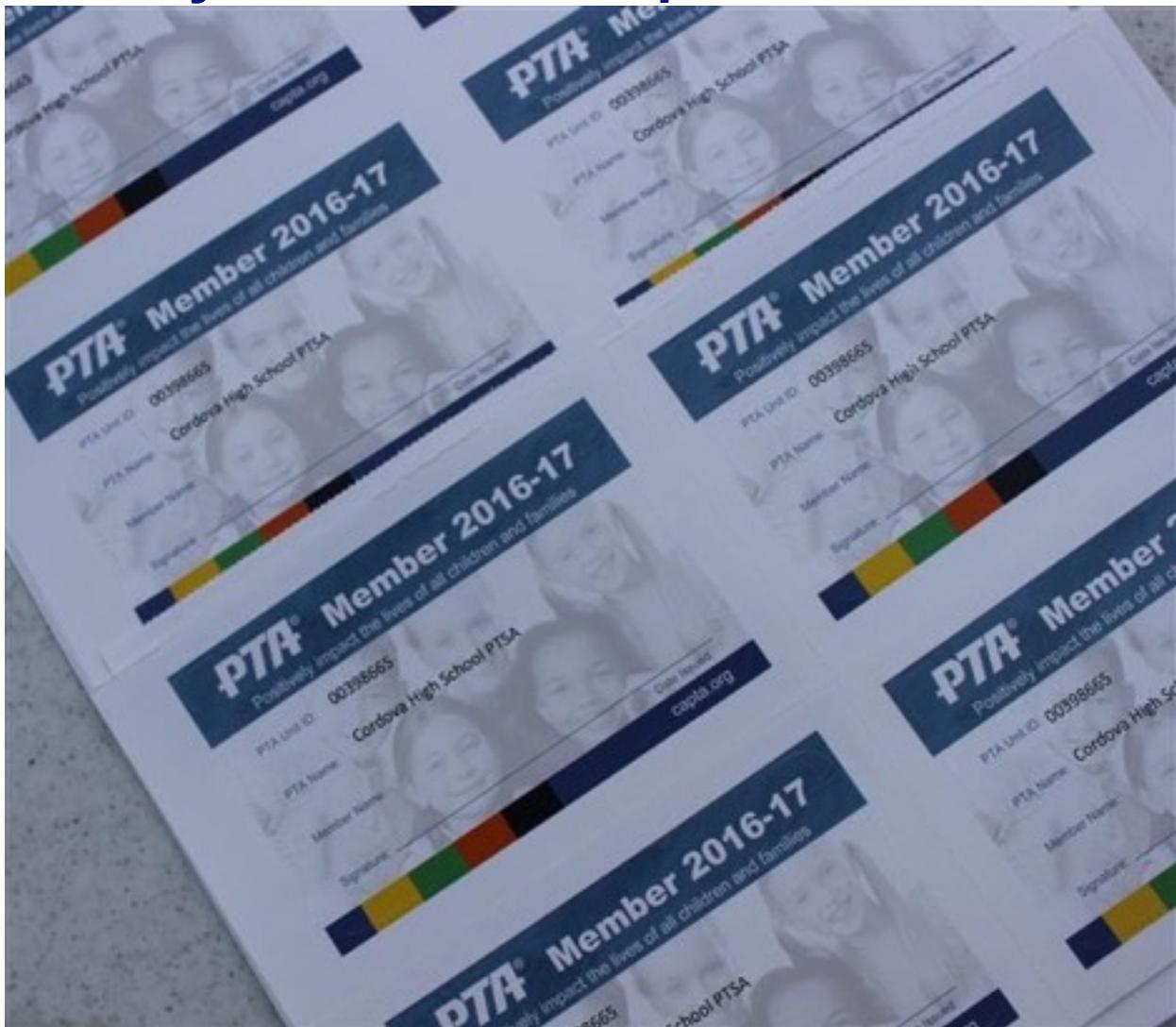
There are many parent groups, but there is only one PTA!

Connecting families, schools and communities for almost 120 years, PTA is the largest children's advocacy association in the country and the defining organization for family engagement.

**We do good things for kids.** PTA addresses issues that are important to parents, teachers and public-school administrators. We fight for full education funding, quality teachers, and programs and policies in the best interest of all children.

When asking parents, families and staff to join your PTA, share six reasons why your school needs a PTA -- in six languages -- with this helpful [flier!](#)

## Share your membership successes



Great news out of **Eighteenth District PTA**, representing Napa and Solano Counties: District President Rhonda Brambley reports that PTA leaders are working hard and memberships are way up. In fact, six PTAs/PTSAs in the Eighteenth District have

increased their memberships by as much as **633 percent** -- congrats to these PTAs/PTSAs:

- **Alamo PTA**
- **Annie Pennycook Elementary PTA**
- **Donaldson Way Elementary PTA**
- **Foxboro Elementary PTA**
- **Golden West Middle School PTSA**
- **Laurel Creek Elementary PTA.**

**SHARE YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUCCESSES, TOO!**

We want to hear from you, too! How has your PTA or PTSA strengthened membership? What strategies would you like to share with others across the state? Let us know at [socialmedia@capta.org](mailto:socialmedia@capta.org)!

## Ideas for your PTA are just a click away

Be sure to check out [capta.org](http://capta.org) and to follow California State PTA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for ideas, programs and inspiration to help your PTA and school community thrive!



*PTAs recently shared bulletin-board ideas on our Facebook page.*

# SMARTS

Bring back the arts! To our schools. To our children.

**SMARTS**, *Parents for the Arts Network* is California State PTA's program to encourage arts education.

Please spread the word about the benefits of arts education for all of California's K-12 students.

## Preview new arts-education data tool



### **Free webinar October 11, 3 - 4 p.m.**

The California Department of Education and the National Arts Education Data Project invite you to participate in a **FREE** webinar on key data impacting arts education for your school district.

The [National Arts Education Data Project](#) is a revolutionary new way to see how and where the arts are being offered across California via an easy to use, color-coded online system. This project will show where arts programs are thriving across all four media -- arts, dance, music and theater -- and where there are gaps to focus resources.

The webinar is a great introduction to this new tool PTAs can use to advocate for equitable access to the arts for our children and school communities. So sign up today and get up-to-date on the latest arts-education data!

**REGISTER TODAY**

## Join PTA for FREE arts convenings

Join California State PTA to hear from community partners currently working on arts programs in schools, learn the latest ways to implement arts through the new Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) and connect with local arts organizations to advocate for arts education for every child.



### **Southern California**

**Thursday, October 20**

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Lunch Included)

Eliot Arts Magnet Academy

2184 N. Lake Ave., Altadena, Calif. 91001

### **Northern California**

**Wednesday, October 26**

6 – 9 p.m. (Dinner Included)

Sacramento County Office of Education

10474 Mather Blvd., Mather, Calif. 95655

**FREE -- Register today!** Just send your name, your PTA's name and number of attendees to [arts@capta.org](mailto:arts@capta.org)!

**And if you're interested in having a PTA Arts Convening in your area, let us know!**  
Write to [arts@capta.org](mailto:arts@capta.org) for information.

## **2 Attachments**



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