

## Legislation & Advocacy News

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### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR CAPTA LEGISLATION CONFERENCE 2020 ENDS SOON!

The November 15<sup>th</sup> early bird deadline for PTA's Legislative Conference in Sacramento is fast approaching! You have less than two weeks to get the \$240 rate for this important two-day event, which takes place January 13-14, 2020.

#### WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

This is your chance to meet and network with other advocates from across the state interested in learning more about key issues that affect children, youth and families. You'll spend two days participating in learning activities and hearing from legislative leaders and experts on issues you care about. The two days culminate with an opportunity to advocate directly with your state legislators.

Make a difference by being part of the statewide effort to advocate for the education, health, safety and well-being of all children.

#### DON'T WAIT - GET THE EARLY BIRD RATE!

The \$240 early bird registration fee includes all materials, training, lunch and dinner on Monday, and breakfast on Tuesday.

Space is limited, so register now to reserve your spot. **After November 15, the rate goes up to \$275. Visit [CAPTA.org](http://CAPTA.org) to register today!**

### TWO TAX PLANS TO INCREASE SCHOOL FUNDING HEADING FOR NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT

*NOTE: This is a summary of an article originally posted by EdSource. Go to their site for the full article here: <https://edsource.org/2019/one-step-closer-to-what-no-one-wants-dueling-tax-plans-in-november-2020>*

The California School Boards Association and its partners last week took the next step toward putting a \$15 billion tax initiative for K-12 schools and community colleges on the ballot, setting up the possibility that two competing tax measures will go before voters in November 2020.

The school boards association, together with the Association of California School Administrators and the Community College League of California, filed papers last week with the California Attorney General for its initiative and expects to begin gathering signatures in a few weeks. Called Full and Fair Funding, the initiative would increase taxes on individuals and corporations earning more than \$1 million. It would produce enough money for K-12 and community colleges to raise California's



#### CALIFORNIA STATE PTA LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY CONFERENCE CALLS

Join California State PTA Director of Legislation Shereen Walter and members of the CAPTA Legislation Team for monthly calls discussing all the latest information.

A conference call line has been reserved for every first Wednesday month from 7:00 — 8:00 PM. **The next call will take place on November 6, 2019.**

**Dial-In Number:**  
(605) 313-4821

**Participant Access Code:**  
604265#

## **GOVERNOR NEWSOM SIGNS NEW BILLS AFFECTING EDUCATION AND CHILDREN INTO LAW**

Governor Newsom was busy signing over 1,000 new bills up until the October 13 deadline. Among those signed into law, 24 relate directly to education and our children.

The most notable bills passed include CAPTA sponsored SB 328, commonly referred to as the “Late Start Bill.” California is now the first state in the nation to require later start times for high schools and middle schools. Based on the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control, the new law prohibits high schools, including charter schools, from beginning the school day before 8:30 a.m. and middle schools from beginning before 8:00 a.m.

Three bills aimed at charter schools were also signed. School districts now have greater authority to choose which charter schools are approved in their community (AB 1505) and may consider the fiscal impact of the charter school on the current students in the district. School districts can no longer authorize a charter school located outside the boundaries of their school district or county (AB 1507). Charter schools and an entity managing a charter school must comply with the same conflict of interest requirements as school districts (SB 126).

SB 276 addresses medical exemptions for immunizations. This law aims to crack down on abuse of medical exemptions by requiring a review of exemptions of (i) schools with an immunization rate of less than 95% and (ii) physicians and surgeons who submit five or more medical exemptions in a calendar year. It permits the Department of Public Health to deny or revoke an inappropriate or invalid medical exemption.

For a better picture of all the education-related bills that were recently signed, please check out ED100’s Parent Guide to Policy Changes in 2019 on their blog at <https://ed100.org/blog/new-school-laws-in-california-2019>.

## **TWO TAX PLANS TO INCREASE SCHOOL FUNDING HEADING FOR NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT (continued)**

per-student funding to the national average, according to the sponsors. Its calculations are based on a state ranking system that incorporates California’s high living costs.

The sponsors moved ahead without the support of an organization critical to the initiative’s success: the 310,000-member California Teachers Association, although they did announce a consolation prize. Joe Nunez, the longtime CTA executive director who was ousted from his job earlier this year, and former CTA Associate Executive Director Scott Day, who directed the union’s political campaigns, have agreed to come work for Full and Fair Funding.

The Schools and Communities First initiative would be the first serious ballot challenge in 40 years to Proposition 13. The “split-roll” measure would leave Prop. 13’s limits on tax increases for homeowners intact while changing the rules for business and commercial properties. Those properties would be revaluated every three years, raising their assessed value more rapidly, thus producing more tax revenue.

Roughly 40 percent of the projected \$11 billion annual tax revenue would go to schools and community colleges, with the rest divided among counties and cities. While the estimated \$4.5 billion for K-14 would be less than a third of what the Full and Fair Funding would provide schools, the support for the split-roll tax is broad and deep, with endorsements from dozens of housing, social justice and community groups, public employee unions and local government officials. Besides the CTA, the California State PTA, the California Federation of Teachers, United Teachers Los Angeles and some school district boards also have joined the coalition.