

Why you should Attend Sacramento Safari

By Kym Szalkiewicz, Sacramento Safari Committee Chair

Now, perhaps more than ever, our presence is needed in Sacramento to send a strong message to our elected officials. We want to make sure that the promised funds the Governor said would go to public education makes its way there!!

In 2012, we had one of the largest delegations from the Ninth District PTA to the State Legislation Conference. This not only helps us get the word to other PTA members who are unable to attend, but also makes certain that Sacramento hears our pleas and that we will not let them avoid public education discussions any longer.

With the passage of Propositions 30 and 39, there is much to discuss with our elected officials. Will we get the promised Prop 30 funding? Will Prop 39 give an extra \$500 million to schools to help make them more energy efficient? How will the weighted student formulas affect our students and districts locally? What and how will the new standardized tests be implemented? So many discussions to have.

Our strength in numbers will enable us to split into teams to meet with staffers from the offices of every Assemblymember and Senator from San Diego and Imperial counties.

I warmly invite you to be part of the 2013 Ninth District delegation. Register TODAY for the California State PTA Legislation Conference. Go to www.capta.org and click on Legislation convention to register and reserve your room today. This is a legitimate PTA expense and dollars well spent for your units and councils. Even if you are new to legislation and advocacy, you can make a difference by attending. We will hold trainings before going to Sacramento (tentatively scheduled for February 7th) so you are prepared for these important meetings with lawmakers.

Even if you are unable to go, you can still participate without leaving San Diego.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us kyms@att.net or Claudine at claudine_castanon@yahoo.com

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