

# Fourth District PTA Sacramento Safari

Now More Than Ever....

*Speak Out for Children!*

Monday, March 22 - Tuesday, March 23



Join PTA members from our county on our annual trek to Sacramento. Learn about education policies and the workings of the state government. Bring the PTA message to the capitol!

**Registration Deadline: February 2, 2010**

\$450-\$550 With flights and transportation

\$250-\$350 Without flights and transportation

Registration fee also includes housing, all conference materials and most meals.

**Register TODAY online at**

[www.fourthdistrictpta.org/legislation/sac-safari.html](http://www.fourthdistrictpta.org/legislation/sac-safari.html)

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## Legislative Update

**Keep your eyes on Sacramento:** Federal “Race to the Top” funding continues to dominate the attention of the legislature. At stake are about \$700 million in federal funds which could be available to California schools. Although both the Senate and Assembly Education Committee Chairmen presented bills before the holiday recess, no reconciliation has been reached yet. This week, as the legislature reconvenes, legislators will look at a compromise bill, SBX5 4 (Romero). This bill represents agreement between Senate and Assembly leadership on statutory changes that enable California to submit a more competitive application for federal Race to the Top incentive grants. The first round of applications for Race to the Top funds has a mid-January deadline.

**Elections:** In 2010, voters will be deciding on a new Governor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, other Constitutional Officers and over a dozen new state Legislators.

**Budget woes:** As we begin 2010, the state will also be faced with a \$21 billion budget deficit. The Governor will release his 2010-2011 budget proposal by January 10<sup>th</sup>. Learn more about this at our January 22<sup>nd</sup> Advocacy Roundtable.

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## **4th District PTA Advocacy Roundtable**

Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Orange County Department of Education, Building D-1001  
200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa 92626

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER...MS. LISA KALUSTIAN  
CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, LA OFFICE  
OF GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER**

Learn the latest on:

- ✓ **The Governor's January budget proposal**
- ✓ **Priorities for the Governor in his final year**
  - ✓ **Other hot topics**

**...with plenty of time for your questions.**

Important 4th District PTA business will also be conducted, so please plan to attend!