

11.23 Access to Health and Dental Care

Resolution passed 2014

Whereas, in order to do well in school children must have their basic medical and dental needs met; and

Whereas, the key challenge facing children in the opportunity gap is a healthy, safe and stable home life that allows them to be ready to learn in the classroom; and

Whereas, access to basic health needs, even with the increases in health insurance coverage statewide, is proving difficult in rural communities throughout the state; and

Whereas, many children and youth are more likely to have unmet medical and dental needs or the inability to access a primary care physician or dentist because of financial costs or geographical location; and

Whereas, Washington State PTA is the largest child advocacy organization in the state; and

Whereas, Washington State PTA supports the promotion of the safety and well-being of all children.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Washington State PTA works with health care and child advocates to advocate in Olympia and Washington, D.C., to expand access to medical and dental care options for all of Washington state's children.