

18.20 School Bond Election Reform

Resolution passed 1986; amended 2010

Whereas, a purpose of Washington State PTA is to advocate for laws and further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth; and

Whereas, the constitution of the State of Washington states that the “paramount duty” of the state is to provide “ample funds” for schools; and

Whereas, a significant portion of school funding in many school districts in the state is obtained through bonds; and

Whereas, the 40 percent validation and 60 percent super-majority requirements that apply only to ballot issues for school funding place the interests of children and youth at a disadvantage relative to other groups competing for dwindling public funds.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Washington State PTA support legislation that would lead to a constitutional amendment to remove the 40 percent validation requirement and replace the 60 percent super-majority with a simple majority requirement for passage of school bond elections.