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WASHINGTON STATE PTA ANNOUNCES NEWLY INSTALLED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of directors to meet for strategic planning session.

Tacoma, WA (June 1, 2019): The Washington State PTA (WSPTA), the oldest and largest grassroots child advocacy association in Washington state, announced the 2019-2021 board of directors. The board of directors will convene for the first time this weekend, June 1-2, 2019, during the inaugural board meeting. The board meeting is to strengthen leadership and provide support to the newly installed officers, and ultimately, create the framework of the association for the next two years.

“WSPTA has a long and proud history of advocating for all children in the state of Washington regardless of race, creed, gender, zip code, or the way they learn” states newly installed Washington State PTA President, Janice Kutzera. “This legacy will continue to be the focus of our work for the next two years.” Janice looks at the structure of PTA as links in a chain, where the end connects to the beginning. A chain that includes local, council, region, state and national PTA. She encourages all leaders and members to work together to make the PTA chain even stronger than it is today.

During the board meeting, the WSPTA board of directors will develop an action plan to increase effective family and community engagement, develop new PTA leaders, address membership needs, and ensure that the WSPTA continues its mission to be a powerful voice for children, a relevant resource for families, schools and communities, and an advocate for the well-being and education of all children.

Julie Haase, Vice President, expressed her PTA passion by stating, “I joined PTA because I wanted to be involved with the school community and with the education of my two boys. Over the past 17 years in PTA I have found the greatest rewards working with PTA officers to develop their skills as community leaders and advocates invested in making a difference for kids. It has been a privilege to work with the board of directors as WSPTA leadership director, and I look forward to continuing to serve our members and our association in my new role as vice president.”

The 2019-2021 Washington State PTA Board of Directors:

Janice Kutzera, President
Julie Haase, Vice President
Nancy Chamberlain, Finance Officer
Tania Skinner, Secretary
Sherry Rudolph, Advocacy Director
Kimberli Swenson, Family and Community Engagement Director
Shelby Reynolds, Leadership Director

Kim Kuhne, Membership Director
Sharon Pfeiffer, Program Director
Carrie McKenzie, Area A Vice President
Jay Pulacode, Area B Vice President
Kandy Schendel, Area C Vice President
Connie Andrews, Area D Vice President
Angela Steck, Area E Vice President

About Washington State PTA: The Washington State PTA was founded in 1905 by Abby Williams Hill of Tacoma, an artist who saw the need for an organization to support Washington's children. Thanks to her leadership and vision—and over 125,000 current members who have carried her vision forward—Washington State PTA has been a leading voice for children in Washington for more than 113 years. To learn more about Washington State PTA, please visit www.wastatepta.org.

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