WSPTA Legislative Priorities
History of Speaking for Every Child with One Voice

2020 – 2022
- Increase Access to Nursing, Mental Health, and Social Emotional Learning Staff
- Support Students and Preserve Education Funding
- Increasing Educational Equity by Closing the Digital Divide
- Supports and Funding for Students with Disabilities and Their Families
- Prevent and Reduce Gun Violence and Suicide

Also supported on the platform:
- Equitable Identification and Services for Highly Capable Students
- Mitigating the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change
- Safe School Plans and Emergency Preparedness

2018 – 2020
- Social Emotional Learning
- School Construction and Simple Majority for Bonds
- Prevent Gun Violence
- Strategies to Address the Teacher Shortage
- Strategic K-12 Investments to Close Gaps

Also supported on the platform:
- Best Practices for School Meals – Lunch
- Best Practices for School Recess
- Engaging Families in Student Success
- Equitable Identification of Highly Capable Students
- Fund Paraeducator Training
- Increase Access to High-Quality Preschool
- Raise the Age of Tobacco and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems to 21
- Safe School Plans and Emergency Preparedness

2016 – 2018
- Social Emotional Learning
- Amply Fund Basic Education
- Closing the Opportunity Gap
- Standards for Paraeducators
- Breakfast After the Bell

Also supported on the platform:
- Addressing the Teacher Shortage
- Best Practices for School Meal Policies
- Career Connected Learning, CTE & STEM
- Dual Credit Equality & Support
- Engaging Families in Student Success
- Equity for Highly Capable
- Improving Educational Outcomes for Foster Children
- Post-secondary/Higher Ed
- Preventing and Mitigating the Impacts of Gender-based Violence
- Removing Barriers to Implementing ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program)
- Restorative Justice and School Safety
- School Construction and Class Size Reduction

2014 – 2016
- Fully Fund McCleary
- Promoting Social and Emotional Learning
- Increasing Capital Funding
- Increased Access to Higher Education
- Breakfast after the Bell

Also supported on the platform:
- Access, Equity, & Opportunity for Special Needs Students
- Career Development and Training for Paraeducators
- Closing the Opportunity Gaps
- Equal Access for ELL Students
- Family and Community Engagement
- Improving Education Outcomes for Foster Children
- Inclusive Special Education
- Increase Playground Safety
- Invest in Teacher Professional Learning
- Regulating Child Restraint and Isolation in Schools
2012 - 2014
- Advance Basic Education Reforms
- Fund Education First
- Close the Opportunity Gaps
- Revenue for Kids
- Access to Highly Effective Teachers

Also supported on the platform:
- Access, Opportunity and Equity for Special Education
- Access to Algebra in Middle School
- Access to Quality Early Learning
- Great Family Engagement in Every School
- Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports
- School Zone Signage
- Screening and Support for Struggling Readers
- Social Emotional Learning
- Training to Support Highly Capable Learners

2010 - 2012
- Improve and Fully Fund Basic Education
- Strengthen Math and Science Instruction
- Literacy Screening and Instruction
- Reduction in Force/Layoff Policies;
- Fund Education First in the State Budget Process; (Tie)
- New Compensation Model That Rewards for Teacher Effectiveness (Tie)

2008 - 2010
- Basic Education Funding
- Strengthen Math and Science Curriculum and Education
- Washington State Assessment Systems Improvements
- Support State Board of Education CORE 24 Framework
- Support Rational Approaches to Teacher compensation

2007 - 2008
- K-12 Education Funding
- Math and Science Education
- Quality Teaching
- Student Support Services
- Special Education Funding

2006 - 2007
- K-12 Education Funding
- Math and Science
- Simple Majority
- Reduce Class Sizes
- School Recess

2005 - 2006
- K-12 Education Funding
- Re-definition of Basic Education
- Simple Majority for Levy Passage
- Multiple Measures
- Math and Science

2004 - 2005
- Simple Majority for Levy Passage
- Critical Support for Education Reform
- Education Funding Study
- K-12 School Facilities
- Highly Capable Programs

2003 - 2004
- Children’s Health Care Access
- Simple Majority for Levy Passage
- Alternative Assessments
- Tax System
- Education Funding Study

2002 - 2003
- Protect I-728
- Basic Education Act
- State Tax Structure
- Simple Majority
- Prevention and Early Intervention Programs

2001 - 2002
- Anti-bullying
- Protect I-728
- Flexible Compensation for Teachers
- Homeless Youth
- Technology in Schools
2000 - 2001
• Teacher Salaries
• SafeSchools
• Technology
• Homeless Youth
• Violence Prevention in Schools

1999 - 2000
• Education Funding
• Educational Issues
• Violence Prevention
• Early Childhood/ Childcare
• Graduated Drivers Licenses

1998 - 1999
• Classroom Size
• Define and Fund Basic Education
• Levy/Bond Reform
• Violence Prevention/Intervention
• Access to Weapons

1997 - 1998
• Definition of Basic Education
• Responsible State Budget
• Registered Sex Offenders
• Access to Weapons by Youth
• Repeal of Levy/Bond Validation Requirements

1996 - 1997
• Defining and Funding Basic Education
• Access to Weapons by Youth
• Fiscal Growth Factor
• Juvenile Justice Reform
• Levy/Bond Election Reform

1995 - 1996
• Conflict and Anger Management
• Juvenile Justice Reform
• Levy/Bond Reform
• Weapons in Schools
• Fiscal Growth Factor

1994 - 1995
• Classroom Size
• Gang Violence Prevention/Intervention
• Classroom Aides
• Levy/Bond Reform
• Define Basic Education

1993 - 1994
• Gang Violence Prevention/Intervention
• Reduce Class Size
• Redefine Basic Education
• Levy Election Reform
• Tax Reform

1992 - 1993
• Children at Risk
• Counseling K-12
• Class Size
• Outcome Based Education
• Gang Violence Intervention/Prevention

1991 - 1992
• Class Size
• Learning Assistance Programs for At-Risk Students
• Tax Reform
• K-6 Counseling
• Responsible Education Budget

1990 - 1991
• Responsive Education Budget
• Learning Assistance Programs for At-Risk Students
• Self Esteem, Parenting Education Programs
• Quality Education
• Child Abuse

1989 - 1990
• Quality Education
• Common School Construction Fund
• Tax Reform
• Special Needs/At-Risk Children
• Child Abuse
1988 - 1989
- Quality Education
- Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Abuse
- Elementary School Counseling
- Tax Reform
- Full Funding/Expenditure of Public Funds

1987 - 1988
- Quality Education
- Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Abuse
- Elementary School Counseling
- Tax Reform
- Full Funding/Expenditure of Public Funds

1986 - 1987
- Quality Education
- Comprehensive Full Funding/Expenditure of Public Funds
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Child Abuse
- Tax Reform

1985 - 1986
- Quality Education
- Comprehensive Full Funding/Expenditure of Public Funds
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Tax Reform
- Child Abuse

1984 - 1985
- Majority Passage of Levy/Bonds
- Comprehensive Full Funding
- Child Abuse
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- School Safety

1983 - 1984
- Levy Majority Passage
- Child Abuse
- Comprehensive Full Funding
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Teacher Quality and Capability

1982 - 1983
- Levy Majority Passage
- Child Abuse
- Comprehensive Full Funding
- Comprehensive Health Curriculum
- Stronger Drunk Driving Laws