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Washington State Parent Teacher Association Sets Two-Year Legislative Platform

Tacoma, WA (October 26, 2020): The Washington State Parent Teacher Association (WSPTA) held its' 42nd Annual Legislative Assembly virtually this weekend, October 24-25. Delegates met to set a new platform of legislative priorities for the 2020-22 legislative platform, in support of the association's vision of *making every child's potential a reality*. The legislative platform supports the delivery of the association's mission:

PTA is a powerful voice for all children.

PTA is a relevant resource for families, schools, and communities.

PTA is a strong advocate for the well-being and education of every child.

As a whole child advocacy association, the priority issues represent health, well-being, and education needs of the children of Washington state.

WSPTA's Top 5 priorities for the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions:

1. Increase Access to Nursing, Mental Health, and Social Emotional Learning Staff
2. Support Students and Preserve Education Funding
3. Increasing Educational Equity by Closing the Digital Divide
4. Supports and Funding for Students with Disabilities and Their Families
5. Prevent and Reduce Gun Violence and Suicide

WSPTA Also Supported Issues (listed alphabetically):

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

For more information, please visit the [Advocacy page](#) on the WSPTA website.

About Washington State PTA: Washington State PTA is the state's oldest and largest child advocacy organization 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 current members who continue to carry her vision forward—Washington State PTA has been a leading voice for children in Washington for more than 110 years. To learn more about the Washington State PTA, please visit www.wastatepta.org.

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