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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, 2021):** The Washington State PTA (WSPTA), the oldest and largest grassroots child advocacy association in Washington state, announces the 2021-2023 board of directors. The board of directors will convene for the first time this weekend, June 4-6, 2021, during the inaugural retreat 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.

“I have proudly served WSPTA as advocacy director and finance officer, and I look forward to leading an experienced and passionate group of board members as president,” said newly installed WSPTA President, Nancy Chamberlain. 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.

Chamberlain goes on to state, “WSPTA will build on our momentum, broaden our outreach and bring more voices to our advocacy and family engagement efforts. Our goal for the next two years is to continue to build something new for our PTAs, schools and communities and to be the change we wish to see in the world.”

Angela Steck, WSPTA Vice President, expressed her PTA passion by stating, “I got involved in PTA 17 years ago when my daughter began kindergarten. We had just moved to the area, and I thought PTA would be a fantastic way to learn more about our new school community. In my most recent role as WSPTA Area E Vice President, I was fortunate to work with PTA leaders and members from around Washington and discovered that despite our differing zip codes, we share a common vision of making every child's potential a reality.”

**The 2021-2023 Washington State PTA Board of Directors:**

Nancy Chamberlain, President  
Angela Steck, Vice President  
Candy Walters, Finance Officer  
Kim Kuhne, Secretary  
Lizzy Sebring, Advocacy Director  
Shelby Reynolds, Family & Community Engagement Director  
Jay Pulacode, Leadership Director

Amanda Cabana, Membership Director  
Laura Peterson, Program Director  
Liz Nord, Area A Vice President  
Melissa Stone, Area B Vice President  
Jennifer Ritchie, Area C Vice President  
Teri Davis, Area D Vice President  
Tori Emerson, Area E Vice President

**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 115 years. To learn more about the Washington State PTA, please visit [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org).

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