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44th Annual Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly is a Success

Tacoma, WA (October 20, 2022): The Washington State Parent Teacher Association (WSPTA) held its 44th Annual Legislative Assembly, its first-ever hybrid meeting, October 15-16 in person at Bellevue College or remotely. Delegates met to consider thirteen issues, one resolution, and amendments to three current resolutions in support of the association’s vision of *making every child’s potential a reality*. Issues establish our advocacy priorities for the upcoming legislative biennium. They are replaced every two years. Resolutions guide WSPTA’s advocacy work from the local to the state level. They may be amended, updated, or retired and are usually broader in scope than issues.

WSPTA’s priority issues, resolutions, and legislative principles support the delivery of the association’s mission:

- PTA is a powerful voice for children,
- PTA is a relevant resource for families, schools, and communities, and
- PTA is a strong advocate for the well-being and education of every child.

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

WSPTA’s Top 5 priorities established for the 2023 and 2024 legislative sessions:

1. Addressing the Student Mental Health Crisis
2. Addressing Critical Gaps in Education Funding
3. Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence and Suicide
4. Addressing Funding, Inclusion, and Supports in Special Education
5. Building and Maintaining Safer School Facilities

WSPTA Also Supported Issues (listed alphabetically):

- Creating a Diverse and Effective Educator Workforce
- Expanding School Construction Funding Options
- Harnessing the Benefits of Mastery-based Learning
- Improving Equitable Identification and Access for Highly Capable Students
- Increasing Education Equity by Closing the Digital Divide
- Increasing Support for Equitable Family Engagement
- Mitigating the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change
- Supporting a Meaningful High School Diploma

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 Washington State PTA, please visit www.wastatepta.org.

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