

Legislative Issue Review Checklist – Amended Issues

| Section A - General Criteria | Must be YES to all |
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| 1. Was the submission received by the deadline? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES – Continue with review • NO – Stop review |
| 2. Was the submission complete, including all required information and verifiable supporting evidence? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES – Continue with review • NO – Stop review |
| 3. Is the issue statewide in scope? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES – Continue with review • NO – Stop review |
| 4. Does the issue supplement but not conflict with the WSPTA legislative platform or with National PTA resolutions or position statements? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES – Continue with review • NO – Stop review |
| <p>5. Is the issue consistent with PTA purposes, values, vision, and mission? Does the issue relate to the health, safety, well-being, and education of children and youth?</p> <p>PTA Purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community; B. To raise the standards of home life; C. To advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth; D. To promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth; E. To engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth; F. To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES – Continue with review • NO – Stop review |
| 6. The issue does not harm or negatively impact WSPTA (including but not limited to legal, financial, volunteers and other resources, as well as implications to existing partnership and coalition agreements). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES – Continue with review • NO – Stop review |
| <p>7. Does this issue meet the definition of a legislative issue versus a resolution?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative issues are short-term positions that seek solutions that can only be accomplished through legislative action of the Washington state legislature. • Resolutions are long-term positions that offer solutions to policy issues at the federal, state or local school district level. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES - Continue with review • NO – Stop review and refer to the resolutions committee |
| <p>8. Is this a state level legislative issue (versus federal level or local implementation)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State legislative issue - the legislature can make or change a law to address the problem. • Federal legislative issue - only Congress can address the problem. Discuss with the WSPTA Federal Legislative Chair. • Local implementation issue - school board, school district or school-level solutions to the problem. Can the advocacy committee provide guidance or resources to help with local advocacy? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES - Continue with review • NO - Stop review |

| Section B - Issue Criteria | 24 Points Max |
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| 1. Title Character Limit Does it meet the limit of fewer than 50 characters, including spaces? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 points: YES • 1 point: 10 characters or less over the limit • 0 points: More than 10 characters over the limit |
| 2. Title Accuracy Does it accurately describe the issue? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points: Title accurately describes the problem being addressed or the proposed solutions • 3 points: Title needs some revision to better reflect the problem being addressed or the proposed solutions • 0 points: Title does not aid understanding of the issue and needs major revision |
| 3. Issue Description Does it meet the limit of fewer than 350 characters, including spaces and follow the required format? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 points: YES • 1 point: 25 characters or less over the limit • 0 points: More than 25 characters over the limit |
| 4. Persuasive Statement Word Limit Does it meet the limit of fewer than 250 words? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 points: YES • 1 point: 25 words or less over the limit • 0 points: More than 25 words over the limit |
| 5. Persuasive Statement Strength Is it strong? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points: Accurately describes the problem being addressed, the proposed solutions, and makes a strong case for having the issue on the WSPTA platform • 3 points: Needs some revision to better reflect the issue proposal and/or be more persuasive • 0 points: Does not aid understanding of the issue and needs major revision |
| 6. Citations Is the submission information verified? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points: All information is verified • 3 points: Most information verified; some is not verified |
| 7. Stand-Alone or Combine Should this issue be combined with another proposal or an existing part of the platform? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES • NO |
| Section C – Submitter/Team Availability | 4 Points Max |
| 1. Availability – Future Advocacy Is the submitter/team willing and able to participate in advocacy for this issue, including taking part in weekly conference calls and testifying in Olympia? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 points: YES • 1 point: Some involvement • 0 points: NO |
| 2. Availability – Legislative Assembly Will the submitter be available to attend legislative assembly? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 point: YES • 0 points: NO or unsure at this time |
| Total | 28 Points Max – If title and issue description amended 25 Points Max – If only issue title amended 21 Points Max – If only issue description amended |