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**45<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington State PTA  
Legislative Assembly is a Success**

**Tacoma, WA (October 26, 2023):** The Washington State Parent Teacher Association (WSPTA) held its 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Assembly virtually this weekend, October 21-22. Delegates met to consider four new resolutions, one new issue, and amendments to one issue and two current resolutions in support of the association's vision of *making every child's potential a reality*.

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 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 (amended)
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 (new)
- Multi and Heritage Language Education for All
- Supporting a Meaningful High School Diploma

## WSPTA New Resolutions Adopted

- Supporting a Diverse and Effective Education Workforce\*
- High-Quality Preschool to Third Grade Early Learning
- K-12 Education Funding
- Traumatic Brain Injuries

## WSPTA Updated Resolutions

- 1.9 Substance Use Disorder Education and Prevention
- 11.31 Social Emotional Learning and Student Success

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

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**About Washington State PTA:** Washington State PTA was 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 have carried 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](http://www.wastatepta.org).

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