**INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING LEGISLATION?**

Here are some different resources for engaging this session:

* Engage in the WA State Top 5 Platform issues [here](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/app/register?1&m=22788).
* Find education related bills [here](http://educationvoters.org/resources/bill-tracker/).
* Special Education specific bills are [here](http://www.bellevuespecialneedspta.com/Pages/BillTracker.aspx).
* WA State Legislature page is [here](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/). Learn how to comment on bills [here](https://app.leg.wa.gov/pbc/).

2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

As a parent, you are your child’s best advocate. As a PTA, parents and teachers come together to be the voice for children in our community. Ready to use that voice on an issue you are concerned about?

Engage in advocacy and let your voice be heard. Contact: *(insert your advocacy rep)* *AND/OR* Sarah Butcher, Advocacy Director at [bellevueptsacouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bellevueptsacouncil@gmail.com)to learn how to best engage on issues of importance to you.

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[Bellevue PTSA Council](http://www.bellevueptsacouncil.com)

[Bellevue School District](http://www.bsd405.org)

[Washington State PTA](http://www.wastatepta.org)

[National PTA](http://www.pta.org)

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**DOES YOUR PTA WANT TO ENGAGE IN SUPPORTING LEGISLATION?**

As a PTA, your board and/or membership body can vote to support a piece of legislation. There are many bills this session that directly relate to the WA State PTA Legislative Platform. Here are the **WSPTA’s priorities for the 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions:**

1. [Funding McCleary](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/mccleary)

2. [Create Positive School Climates Through Social Emotional Learning](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/SEL)

3. [Increasing Capital Funding](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/capital)

4. [Increased Access to Higher Education](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/access2HE)

5. [Breakfast After the Bell](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/BATB)

Also supported (listed alphabetically):

[Access, Equity & Opportunity for Students with Disabilities and Special Needs](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/specialneedsaccess)

[Closing Opportunity Gaps](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/COG)

[Equal Access for ELL Students](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/ELL)

[Family and Community Engagement](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/FamEngage)

[Inclusive Special Education](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/inclusiveSE)

[Playground Safety](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/playground)

[Investing in Teacher Professional Learning (CTWG Implementation)](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/ctwg)

[Regulating Child Restraint and Isolation in Schools](http://cqrcengage.com/npta2wa/restraint)

For more information on how a PTA can engage in supporting legislation relating to these issues, contact:

Sarah Butcher, Advocacy Director

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SCHOOL BOARD – FEBRUARY MEETINGS

**Tuesday, March at 4:00pm WISC Rainer Room**

Review the agenda and Board Packet [here](http://www.bsd405.org/about-us/school-board.aspx). The “Use of Reasonable Force” Policy No. 3246 will have its second reading. There will be a presentation on High School Start Times and a deep dive on community engagement. As always, you can make public comment at the board meeting on issues of concern or you can email the board at [board@bsd405.org](mailto:board@bsd405.org).

**Tuesday, March 17 at 4:00pm WISC Rainer Room**

The Agenda and Board Packet will be posted [here](http://www.bsd405.org/about-us/school-board.aspx) about one week before the meeting.

**Save the date: Washington State PTA 102nd Annual Convention** April 17 – 19, 2015, Bellevue Hyatt Hotel

Bellevue, WA

**Junior American Literature Instructional Material Adoption Committee**

Parent Representatives needed. Find out more information and apply [here](http://www.bsd405.org/community-engagement/advisory-committees/junior-american-literature.aspx).

**School and Family Fair**

Wednesday, March 11 6:00pm - 8:15 pm

Interlake High School

Learn more [here](http://www.bsd405.org/news-events/district-calendar.aspx).

**RULER Family Night**

Wednesday, April 1 6:30pm – 8:30 pm

WISC Rainer Room

12241 Main Street

Learn more [here](http://www.bsd405.org/news-events/district-calendar.aspx).

Please join BSD’s Social Emotional Learning Curriculum Developers, Randi Peterson & Stephanie Wright, to learn more about our 3rd through 5th grade [Social Emotional Learning curriculum](http://www.bsd405.org/about-us/departments/curriculum/social-emotional-learning.aspx); The RULER Approach from the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence.   A Spanish translator will be provided.

**BSD Special Education Department Community Education Series:**

***Positive Behavior Supports Across Settings***

March 5th WISC Rainier Room 12241 Main Street 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Dr. Holly Galbreath, Bellevue Special Education Supervisor and Clinical/School Psychologist will be on hand to discuss Positive Behavior Interventions and Support for both school and home settings. [Learn more...](http://www.bsd405.org/schools/special-education/community-education-series.aspx)

**Board Candidate Information Night**

Thursday, April 16

WISC Rainier Room ([Map](https://goo.gl/maps/EFQKq))

6:30pm - 9:00pm

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