

Advocacy in Action

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 2015-16 school year. This is sure to be an exciting year of education changes and growth in our schools and in our state.

The Advocacy in Action newsletter is meant to be a resource for you. In it you will find information on advocacy issues, resources for engaging on education related legislation and opportunities for parent involvement in the Bellevue School District. Advocacy information will also be available on the Bellevue PTSA Council's website and Facebook page. I look forward to working with all of you as we join our voices to advocate for students in the Bellevue School District and Washington State.

Sarah Butcher, Director of Advocacy

WA STATE PTA 2015 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

It's that time of year again... The 2015 Legislative Assembly is right around the corner. Join us!

2015 Legislative Assembly

Saturday, October 24, 2015

Red Lion Inn | Olympia | **Registration**

Hotel Reservations: Please book your hotel room by October 9, 2015 to take advantage of the Washington State PTA room block discount.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

Thursday, October 22 at 6:30pm

Wilburton Instructional Service Center (WISC)

Rainer Room

12241 Main Street

Bellevue, WA 98005

Join us for an opportunity to meet the candidates running for the open seats on the Bellevue School Board of Directors. Better understand their positions on issues affecting our school district and our children

Full details and a flyer will be posted on www.BellevuePTSACouncil.com

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 20 at 4:00pm

Wilburton Instructional Service Center (WISC)

Rainer Room

12241 Main Street

Bellevue, WA 98005

The Agenda and Board Packet will be posted [here](#) about one week before each meeting. 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.

INTERESTED IN ENGAGING ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES?

INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING LEGISLATION OR LEARNING WHAT HAPPENED TO EDUCATION RELATED BILLS FROM THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION?

Here are some different resources for engaging on legislation:

- Engage in the WA State Top 5 Platform issues [here](#).
- Find education related bills [here](#).
- Special Education specific bills are [here](#).
- WA State Legislature page is [here](#). Learn how to comment on bills [here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

The Bellevue School District has many advisory committees currently meeting. Learn more about them and review meeting minutes [here](#).

WA State Listening Tour on Improving and Funding Public Schools

Everett School District
3900 Broadway
Everett, WA 98201

On Oct 6, members of the Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee will host a two-hour forum. Additional forums are set for Oct. 8 in Bremerton, Oct. 19 in Renton, Oct. 21 in Spokane, Oct. 26 in Wenatchee and Oct. 27 in Yakima. All meetings are scheduled to run from 5-7 p.m.

We will post details on locations for the other forums on the Bellevue PTSA Council website, when we have them.