

2016 Legislative Issue Proposal Form

Word Document Worksheet

Please complete the form below. You may do this online or print the form and send it by fax to 253-214-7410 or by email to ptalegdir@wastatepta.org. Please read instructions below for the submittal process.

TIMING

- Title and short description (sections 1-4) due Wednesday, May 1, 2016
- Complete issue submittal form due Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Issue Submitters Requirements:

- Be a current Washington State PTA member
- Submit a completed Issue Proposal Form by the deadlines above and include all links/references so the information is verifiable
- Be available by email and phone to work with the legislative committee member assigned to review your issue to provide clarification where needed
- Be available during the legislative committee meeting (**July 9**) to answer questions on the issue
- In the case where one or more issues submitted are of similar scope, work with others to combine issues
- All issue submitters must sign the Issue Team Code of Conduct

At this point in the process, the legislative committee will review the issues and make recommendations to the board of directors at its August meeting. A legislative committee member will work with you during this time if additional information is required. Following the August board meeting, you will be notified if your issue will be forwarded to the members at legislative assembly. To make sure your issue is represented well at legislative assembly, it is **recommended** that you prepare the following:

ONE MONTH PRIOR TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

- Create a PowerPoint presentation using the provided template
- Create a tri-fold presentation board to be used during Issue Education
- Submit any handouts you plan to use to the legislative committee for approval

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (October 22-23, Red Lion, Olympia):

- Attend legislative assembly (or send a representative) to present your issue to attendees, gathering supporters for caucusing and debating during the issue debates.
- Present your issue to the assembly to encourage adoption to the platform
- Develop an action plan on how you will work the issue and engage with other supporters prior to and during the legislative session
- Consider methods you will use to communicate with your issue supporters

DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

- Weekly legislative committee phone calls will address bills and action on Top 5 issues and issues that are hot legislative topics; you may be invited to participate in these calls
- As needed, help prepare testimony, testify in Olympia and recruit other potential leaders to move your issue through the legislative process.

1. This submission is being offered by a / an

(Please make your selection by highlighting the correct answer in boldface. Use only one response below.)

1. Individual
2. Local PTA
3. Council
4. Committee

2. Primary Contact: –

(Fill in the appropriate information in the area below. In order for the submission to be accepted, you must fill out all the criteria in this section.)

- a. First Name *
- b. Last Name *
- c. Membership ID # *
- d. Primary Contact PTA Name *
- e. Primary Contact PTA ID # *
- f. Primary Contact Home Street Address
- g. *Primary Contact Home City *
- h. Primary Contact Home Zip code *
- i. Primary Contact Home Phone # *
- j. Primary Contact Mobile # *
- k. Primary Contact Home Email Address *

3. Issue Topic: *(In fewer than 30 characters, including spaces, please provide a broad description for your submission.*

*Example: Higher Education; Breakfast after the Bell;
Social & Emotional Learning)*

(Enter your topic here)

4. Issue Description: *(In fewer than 300 characters, including spaces, please provide a description of the issue you are submitting. The description must follow the below format. Examples of what others have done follow below...)*

The Washington State PTA shall initiate and/or support legislation or policies that:

(Enter your description here)

(Examples)

- Improve the quality and nutritional content of school breakfast and lunch programs.
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- Increases the affordability and access of Higher Education for middle and lower income families with affordable tuitions, affordable loan programs, while also supporting additional funding for “State Need Grants” (SNG) and “College Bound” scholarship programs that target low income families and at-risk students.
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- Support school district capital improvements and help fund school facilities by passing simple majority for bonds, adjusting the state’s capital funding formula in the School Construction Assistance Program and requiring the improvement of, and use of school facility impact fees in local jurisdictions.
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- Institutes a state-wide Breakfast After the Bell Program and initiate polities at the District Level that encourage Early Adoption of Breakfast After the Bell Programs.
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Supporting Documentation

Please complete the following questions. Use Hyperlinks where appropriate to substantiate and provide additional background information.

5. What are key facts associated with this problem or the solution? Please include references and links to substantiate facts?

6. Please provide a 250 word persuasive “for” statement. This statement should include the following points:
- a. Why this issue should be supported by the Washington State PTA?
 - b. What is the current problem this issue is solving?
 - c. What is the solution to the problem?
 - d. How will this legislation improve the lives of the children in your community and across Washington State?

7. Optional, include a quotation about this issue (in less than 200 characters, including spaces) that may expand or complement the “for” statement. If this quote is from a source other than the submitter, include contact information or citation for the quotation.

8. What, if any, are the potential fiscal impacts of the issue? *

9. Are any legislators and/or groups or coalitions currently working on this issue? Please describe any work in progress.

10. Has this topic been on the short-term legislative platform in the past?
(If yes, then please cite the issue and year.)

11. Please list state and national PTA positions, long-term principles or resolutions that align with your offered position (Please cite the position title, resolution title and the platform year if known.).

12. Please provide an issue support plan/action plan for legislative assembly and into the legislative session.
(An action plan template is available upon request.)

13. Please enter any additional website references or information necessary to complete your proposal.

14. If there are any additional issue submitters, please include all their information below.

- Secondary Contact First Name
- Secondary Contact Last Name
- Secondary Contact PTA Membership ID #
- Secondary Contact PTA Name
- Secondary Contact PTA ID #
- Secondary Contact Home Street Address
- Secondary Contact Home City
- Secondary Contact Home Zip Code
- Secondary Contact Home #
- Secondary Contact Mobile #
- Secondary Contact Home Email Address

Final Review

If you need to add additional information, please contact us at: ptalegdir@wastatepta.org

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