Your PTA Voice in Olympia: Legislative Assembly 2026

Each fall, PTA members from across Washington meet at WSPTA Legislative Assembly to decide which issues PTA will champion in Olympia. Delegates research, debate, and vote on the policy priorities that guide PTA advocacy with state lawmakers. The issues chosen there shape the laws and funding that affect every student in our schools.

Our Biggest Team Yet

This year, our Issaquah School District PTA community sent 15 advocates to Legislative Assembly. That's more than double the 6 who attended last year and the 7 the year before. We are immensely proud of how our community showed up.

Our team represented Issaquah PTSA Council and 12 local PTSAs: Apollo, Cascade Ridge, Clark, Endeavour, Gibson Ek, Grand Ridge, Issaquah Valley, **Liberty**, Maple Hills, Maywood, Skyline, and Sunny Hills. Our advocates took part in every area of the Assembly, and several emerged as thought leaders in the growing conversation around intentional educational technology.

The 2026–2028 Legislative Priorities

Delegates chose WSPTA's Top 5 Legislative Priorities for the 2026–2028 term. These issues will get the most attention in PTA advocacy. They will be the focus of action alerts to members, conversations with lawmakers, and the work of WSPTA's lobbyist in Olympia.

The Top 5, in alphabetical order:

- Addressing Support for Students with Disabilities, Inclusionary Practices, and Funding for Special Education Services
- Addressing the Student Mental Health Crisis
- Ensuring Literacy & Math Proficiency for All Students
- Keep Students Safer from Gun Violence
- Strategic Investments to Improve Student Outcomes

Issaquah PTSA Council Advocacy Chair Shannon Mayo submitted "Keep Students Safer from Gun Violence." She researched the issue, created an informative video, led a group discussion, and delivered the pro statement before delegates voted it into the Top 5.

Three more issues were added to the "Also Supported" list of short-term legislative priorities:

- Empower Communities to Build Schools Where Students Thrive
- Fund Climate-Ready Schools: Clean Air, Heat-Safe
- Restoring Focus with Personal Electronic Devices Off and Away for the Day

Resolutions Adopted

Resolutions are WSPTA's long-term positions. They guide PTA advocacy for years, not just one legislative session. Delegates adopted two new resolutions this year:

- **Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia, and Developmental Coordination Disorder.** Calls for universal screening at all grade levels, evidence-based instruction, educator training, and sustained funding for core literacy instruction. It replaces WSPTA's earlier resolution on dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, and dyspraxia.
- **Safe Siting for Battery Energy Storage Systems.** Urges statewide siting standards for commercial battery storage facilities, including minimum setbacks from schools. It also calls for early public notice and funding so local fire and emergency responders are prepared.

Your Voice Matters This Session

With the next Legislative Session about to begin, our work is just getting started. Lawmakers listen when families speak up, and you don't need to be an expert to make a difference. Sign up for WSPTA Advocacy Alerts to get timely, easy ways to contact your legislators about the issues PTA is working on.

We are proud of the work we've started on behalf of every student in our community and excited for the next steps. Want to get involved in advocacy this year? Reach out to your Liberty PTSA Advocacy Chair Anne Krauser at advocacy@libertyhighptsa.org, or to Issaquah PTSA Council Advocacy Chair Shannon Mayo at advocacy@issaquahptsa.org.