



## **HELP WANTED:**

### **Local Unit PTA Advocacy/Legislative Chair**

*(This is a great position for busy parents who can't be at school but still want to make a difference.)*

Do you want to be involved in advocating for your school's needs? Do you want to learn more about state education and funding policies, and help inform and activate your school community to support positive change?

PTA is a grassroots association and our success depends on informed and engaged members. **The advocacy/legislative chair is the link between identifying a concern and seeing change enacted.**

Fortunately, local unit PTA Advocacy/Legislative chairs don't have to do it alone. Each region has a region director (RD) and a region legislative chair (RLC); some districts have councils and a council advocacy/legislative chair. These volunteers are available to help. Washington State PTA also has staff support and staff-generated communications that keep members informed.

**Skills needed:** No legislative experience is needed -- just a desire to get involved and help organize and advocate for our kids.

**Primary responsibilities:** The local unit advocacy/legislative chair represents members at WSPTA's Annual Legislative Assembly, where WSPTA offers training and the statewide legislative platform is decided. He or she works to inform members about issues; helps their local unit PTA members determine the statewide platform; empowers members to discuss local advocacy issues and helps members speak up when it matters most.

**Time Commitment and Tasks:** Can be between 2-20 hours a month, depending on how much you want to do. An hour or so a week can make a big difference to the kids in Seattle Public Schools.

- Attend your PTA meetings and help the PTA board and members stay current on the local and state issues that impact them.
- Attend PTA Focus Day in Olympia and lobby for education bills in Olympia.
- Attend the WA State Legislative Assembly meeting in October

To learn more about being a legislative chair for your PTA, talk with your PTA president or contact Eden Mack, Seattle Council PTSA Advocacy/Legislative Chair at [legchair@scptsa.org](mailto:legchair@scptsa.org) or 206-240-6648.