

Missouri PTA Legislative Platform 2020

Missouri PTA supports:



Guaranteeing public funds are not diverted to any private school choice proposal and/or voucher system including opposing tax credits or tax deductions for tuition paid by parent or sponsors for non-public elementary or secondary school children.



Legislation that protects accountability and calls for local control of schools.



Legislation that safeguards educational and personal records of students with special emphasis on data privacy and security.



Legislation that would build a comprehensive national database on the condition of public-school facilities and create legislation to address school infrastructure concerns through grants, tax credit bonds and various other local, state and federal programs and initiatives.



Legislation that protects all children and youth from gun violence and promotes safer schools and communities.



Legislation that supports increased access to qualified community and school-based health and wellness services including mental health services for children.



Legislation to protect child well-being through access to federal and state nutrition programs, nutrient-rich food, and education focused on healthy habits.

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Enforcement of legislation requiring school districts to have policies that promote increased meaningful family engagement in their children's education.



Legislation that promotes college and career-ready high school graduates.



Legislation for Juvenile Justice Reform supporting community-based alternatives, implementation of policies to reduce ethnic and socioeconomic disparities within the system, and ensuring juvenile offenders are seen by a juvenile judge and housed in appropriate facilities.



Legislation to strengthen laws designed to protect minors from abuse and increase funding for programs and services aimed at the prevention of child abuse, neglect and maltreatment.



Legislation that will maintain or generate local and state funding for public education.

PTA defines advocacy as the act of supporting and speaking on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children. Advocacy stands alone as the most important job of the PTA.

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