

February 2009

Renton PTSA Council Legislative News



41st District Town Hall Meeting

**Saturday, March 14,
2009**

Representatives Marcie Maxwell and Judy Clibborn, and Senator Fred Jarrett invite you to join them at a town hall meeting near you to engage in a dialog about the issues you care about.

Hazelwood Elementary
7100 116th Ave SE
Newcastle, WA 98056
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

New Focus Day in Olympia ~ Feb 26

There will be big changes this year to this annual advocacy event in Olympia. This year we'll be out in the open up front of the Capitol Dome – a noontime **Rally On The Steps!** It is time to be a part of a visible change, and definitely not a time to leave it up to someone else. **This is your time to act.**

Register your RSVP online today to stay in the loop with updates about events and check the WSPTA Legislation page for Focus Day updates and resources - <http://www.wastatepta.org/legislation.htm>.

The Rally features the Governor and elected officials. Advocacy partners for children's issues and education will join us too. Around

the Rally will be member activities in the basement of the Capitol Dome, where attendees may meet throughout the day.

Our legislative Top 5 Issues determined at Legislative Assembly are the focus of WSPTA's advocacy – *our showing up in Olympia for a public conversation* emphasizes the pivotal role members contribute to their legislator's focus around the issues.

There will be a carpool leaving Renton at approximately 9 am. We are planning on attending the orientation and welcome by Laura Bay, WA State PTA President. Joining the 100's of education partners for the noon rally



and best of all...

WE HAVE OUR OWN 1/2 HOUR APPOINTMENT WITH MARCIE MAXWELL FROM 1:30 TO 2:00 PM.

Marcie is very excited to have us in her office.

Please contact Pam Teal to reserve your carpool seat and answer any questions you have about Focus Day.

WA State PTA Supports Basic Education

On January 14 the Legislature's Joint Task Force on Basic Education issued its final report, laying out a frame work for dramatically reforming the funding of public education in WA state. Many education funding studies have been conducted, but none have held this much promise for meeting the challenges of preparing our children for the 21st century. The WA State PTA strongly endorses this report and en-

courages the Legislature to follow through on its recommendations. PTA applauds the work of the 14 task force members and their staff for producing framework for addressing the very complex changes needed to align our education system with the goals of education reform. PTA also thanks the Governor for her leadership and continued efforts to bring a world-class education to the children of WA State.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? IT IS EASY AS 1, 2, 3

E-mail your legislator and senator and ask them to support the **HB Bill 1410** as written.

Tell your friends to do the same.

Turn this newsletter over to find your legislators and senators e-mail address

Be a part of the solution
ADVOCATE!

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Citizens Report Card
on
Washington State
Education

Invest in early learning

Ensure every child reads by third grade

C+

Raise the bar - for everyone

Higher expectations yield results

C+

Focus on math, science and engineering

Our economy depends on it

C

Prepare every student for college, work and life

Create opportunity with college and workforce training

C-

Fund our future

More investments, more accountability

D+

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1. Provide copies at your local unit PTA meetings.
2. Include this information in your local PTA newsletter
3. Post this on your website

Questions - contact Pam Teal at 425-235-6288



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