 

PTSA Legislative Report December 2021

PTA Federal Public Policy Priorities:

* Family Engagement in Education
* Opportunity and equality for all children
* Child health

**Ways to advocate for State policy:**

* Educate members of Congress and their staff on PTA’s federal public policies.
* Sign up for the PTA Takes Action Network, and respond to action alerts to reach your legislators.
* Work with the school to implement a strong family engagement policy.
* Serve on school board and attend board meeting.
* Attend school district meetings.
* Work with school leaders and state education officials to implement PTA’s National Standards for Family-School Partnership.
* Write a letter to the editor about the importance of family engagement in education.

I attended PTA Advocacy Conference in November near the Capitol. We had a brief meeting with the two senators when we visited the Capitol.

There were several speakers: Miriam Goodfriend (Advocacy and Awareness NAMI), Doreen Carter (State Representative District 92) and Cheryl Richardson (Councilwoman).

Miriam Goodfriend spoke about mental health, 2022 will be the year of mental health.

Mental Health priorities:

* Early prevention and intervention.
* Medicaid formularies.
* Appropriate health response integration.

Doreen Carter spoke about inequality in education and gap during pandemic. Georgia is 36th in education funding in the country.

Some of the Bills:

HB 681, SB 59, HB 60. There was a lot of discussion about Redistricting.

Council woman Richardson spoke about her work for Human trafficking, especially for girls in teens and how they can help them get back on their feet.

Respectfully Submitted,

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