

Greetings Advocates!

In accordance with our mission to advocate for all children, your FLPTA Legislation Committee presented its second Get Engaged Wednesdays training on October 14, 2020. The topic: **PTA Advocacy**. You can view a recording of the training by visiting the Florida PTA website, <https://floridapta.org/get-engaged-wednesdays/>.

PTA Advocacy is accomplished in many ways. Whether it is for your child or assisting the school through programs and support or attending and speaking at school board meetings or one on one with legislators or even traveling to Tallahassee or Washington D.C. to Legislative Conferences. There is no wrong way to be an Advocate. We are all already advocating. PTA simply asks that you: **Turn passion** into action; **now** more than ever!!! Please start using our hashtag **#FLPTActionow**. Click this link to check out our 2021 FLPTA Legislative Priorities Brochure: <https://floridapta.org/media/2020/10/Florida-PTA-Legislative-Priorities-2021-2.pdf>

Did you know? You must sign up for Voter Voice annually?

Florida PTA: Sign up for Florida PTA's Take Action Network to learn more about legislative issues affecting families, schools, and communities and what you can do to assist.
<https://floridapta.org/voter-voice-legislative/>

National PTA: Sign up for Voter Voice to urge your members of Congress to take action on federal issues affecting families, schools, and communities.
<https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/take-action/sign-up-for-alerts>

Exercising your voting right is the biggest way the ADVOCATE! **November 3rd ELECTION DAY**

Please know that your FLPTA Legislation Committee is here to partner with you throughout the year and we are available to provide training and support to local units, county councils or region representatives. Our committee members recently completed its annual training, and we are prepared to teach or co-teach virtually or in person. Reach out to FL PTA Legislation Chair Karen Mazzola at legislation@florida.pta.org for additional information.

Dates to Remember

- October 24th Deadline to request a ballot by mail
- October 24-31 Early voting period [dates/hours vary by location]
- March 21-23, 2021 FLPTA Legislative Conference