

Parents Taking Action

Are you happy with the current funding levels for public education? Do you have concerns regarding the changes to school grades and FCAT Testing? Does it sadden you that our schools are being closed around the state and our teachers are being removed from our classrooms? If not, this message is not for you.

On the other hand, if you feel the future of public education is at risk and the education of our state's children is in jeopardy, then please read on.

Florida's Legislative Session begins January 10, 2012 and run through March 9, 2012. Policies that directly affect our children will be made during these weeks. If our Legislators do not see us or hear from us, their impression will be we are fine with any and all decisions they make.

It is time to Take Action!

Florida PTA is organizing Region Weeks for you to visit Tallahassee and advocate for all children. Each week throughout the Legislative session, different regions are encouraged to attend. This way, the support of parents, teachers, students, and community friends will be spread over the entire session.

We encourage you to join us.

Start making your plans now. Contact your PTA County Council offices to see what travel plans are being made. Or, simply gather your friends and family, gas up your car, and head north to Tallahassee. A member of Florida PTA's Legislative Committee will be in Tallahassee through the session to assist you. There will be handouts to guide you through the halls of the Capitol and talking points on hot topic issues. A mini-advocacy training will additionally be offered every Tuesday evening during session.

If you are unable to go to Tallahassee, there are other ways to **Take Action**. Email us at legislation@floridapta.org for suggestions.

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