

Advocacy Update!

OHIO PTA Presents: ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

November 4, 2009

Vern Riffe Center/Ohio State Capitol Columbus

Ohio PTA is excited to host an advocacy event for our members from around the state! Learn how PTA makes a difference and how you can help!

Join us and learn what PTA is doing in Washington from Keri Haas, Advocacy Specialist, PTA National Office of Programs & Public Policy. We'll meet and hear from state legislators such as State Rep. Marian Harris, member of the House Education Committee. We'll enjoy a luncheon in the Atrium of the Capitol along with a tour of the Statehouse, which will give us an understanding and appreciation of our shared heritage as Ohioans.

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Time: 9:30am - 3:00pm

Cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch)

Go to www.ohiopta.org to register.

Take Action Now! OHIO PTA ACTION ALERT: SAVE EDUCATION FUNDING

Support Alternative Legislation to Save \$851 Million Cuts to Education in Ohio. There is proposed legislation that would save education funding. We need to contact our state legislators and ask for their support for this important legislative action.

PLEASE GO TO www.ohiopta.org, ADVOCACY page, CAPWIZ

1. CLICK ON THE TAKE ACTION TAB
2. FILL IN YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS
3. CLICK SEND

A letter will automatically go to your state representative and state senator. Ohio PTA needs your help-please take action today! Thank you.

Here is a short summary of some legislative and advocacy activities right now.

The following are from the October "Ohio PTA News" and Ohio PTA Advocacy e-mails:

- **PTA Creates an Online Advocacy Toolkit**

See the "PTA Takes Action Center" at www.pta.org

- **Limits on Cell Phone/Texting While Driving**

Six bills have been introduced in the Ohio House and Senate

- **HB253 Education Leadership Character Ethics**

Concerns leadership character ethics in public schools and public institutions of higher education

- **PTA Creates Issue Briefs on Four Key Pieces of Legislation**

See www.pta.org/3463.asp, for these briefs which include background, contact information, and ways to take action on the following:

Parental Engagement in ESEA-NCLB (Elementary & Secondary Education Act - No Child Left Behind)

Local Wellness Policies in the Child Nutrition Act

Parental Engagement in IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP)

Please contact me (Elise Fessler @ bfsing@cinci.rr.com, HCC & Finneytown PTAs' Advocacy Chair) to get on a distribution list for monthly Advocacy Reports (this report can be used as is for meetings and newsletters or edit it as desired but please keep the references mentioned).