

## PTA ADVOCACY

Chartered in 1915, Montana PTA is the oldest and only statewide child advocacy group and parental involvement organization.

### **THE PTA VISION**

Making every child's potential a reality.

### **THE PTA MISSION**

PTA is

- A powerful voice for all children,
- A relevant resource for families and communities, and
- A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

### **PTA Purposes**

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.
- To raise the standards of home life.
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

Montana PTA serves as a resource not only for our members, but also to Montana's elected legislators, to ensure that all parties have the best information available to enable them to make the educated decisions about the education and well-being of every Montana child.

***Please feel free to contact us with any questions or information requests.***



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LEGISLATIVE  
PLATFORM**

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# Legislative Program

Montana PTA's Legislative Program is determined by the three following processes. They are:

- a. Issues selected by delegates at the Legislative Assembly
- b. Resolutions adopted at the State PTA Convention
- c. Positions adopted by the State PTA Board of Directors

## A. Issues selected at Legislative Assembly

1. The Montana PTA, its units and councils, will actively work to find a legislator to carry legislation during the 2013 legislative session in regard to sex offenders residing in close proximity to parks and schools.

*Montana PTA Resolution – 2004*

2. The Montana PTA, its units and councils, will actively work to find a legislator to carry legislation during the 2013 legislative session in regard to safe routes to school.

*Montana PTA Resolution – 2011*

3. The Montana PTA, its units and councils, will convey information to

the public regarding the consequences of sexting and cyberbullying.

*National PTA Resolution – 2011*

4. The Montana PTA will convey information to the public regarding the dangers of abuse of prescription and over the counter drugs.

*National PTA Resolution – 2008*

## B. Resolutions adopted at State Convention

Montana PTA opposes tuition tax credits, tax deductions for education related expenses, and vouchers for educational funding.

Montana PTA believes that strong public schools are essential and must be supported and strengthened and that PTA members have the responsibility to assure access to quality education for all children. PTA has played an important role, since its founding, in assuring that public funds are used only for public schools accountable to taxpayers.

*Montana PTA Resolution: Tuition Tax Credits, Deductions, and Vouchers - 1988*

## C. Positions adopted by the State PTA Board of Directors

Montana PTA supports maintaining funding levels for the Montana Digital Academy.

The Montana Digital Academy provides educational opportunities for students across the state, particularly in rural areas that otherwise would be unavailable to them.

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