

# Region 10 PTA Perspective

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WSPTA's Region 10 covers a portion of Pierce County. It consists of the Clover Park, Peninsula, Steilacoom Historical, Tacoma, and University Place School Districts



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Region 10 Leaders,

It was great getting to meet many of you at our Region Conference. Hope you all received valuable information to take back to your local units. I will like to give a big thank you to my Service Delivery Team for all of their help with the conference. Thanks to Cheryl Child and Kari Wilkinson from State for help with teaching classes.

Congratulations to Janet Stewart, Chris Barbon and Jackie Fisher for stepping up to be our Region 10 Nominating Committee. They will be looking for our Region Director for 2012-2014 .

If you were unable to attend the Region Conference, please contact me to arrange to pick up your leadership packets.

PTA and the Law is just around the corner. It will be offered Saturday, October 1st and Wednesday, October 26th. Please see the registration on the next page.

Legislative Assembly will be October 14 and 15th at Seatac Marriott Hotel. Registration is open at this time.

I am still looking for individuals to serve on the Service Delivery Team. This is an opportunity to put your leadership skills to work. If you are interested in serving, please contact me.

Thank you to all who have step up to serve at your local units and all you do for our kids.

I look forward to meeting and working with you all this year.

Patti DeRusha  
Region 10 Director

**Service Delivery Team positions available!** Have you ever considered serving people outside of your school's PTA? SDT members answer the call for service throughout the region. We provide local contact to our outlying local units and councils throughout the region; help mentor others, start new PTAs and present training classes.

*The name of this class throws people off. The law? No, that's not for me. I'm no lawyer!! But PTA & The Law is for you. Did you know your PTA is a non-profit corporation? You'll learn what you need to do to maintain your PTA's non-profit status. You'll learn the legal duties of all Board Members (yes, each member of the Board has legal obligations!) and you'll learn how to protect your nonprofit from being sued.*

This workshop is the place where you can receive valuable training. One fee for as many PTA elected officers, members and your school principal for one low price!

*And if that isn't enough to persuade you to attend, you'll learn how to maintain you're corporate and tax exempt status. You'll get the lowdown on Washington State's strict laws on gambling – did you know that raffles are a form of gambling here in Washington?? In short, you'll get a crash course on some very important information. It is your legal and fiduciary responsibility to your members and the PTA organizations to remain up-to-date on the corporate laws and IRS rules, which change each year. What about the Auction Chair who plans to serve alcohol and hold a raffle? What about the Grad night chair who is planning to hold a raffle and run multiple fundraisers? What about the Student Store chair that needs to understand how to properly record the various types of expenses and income associated with the store.....not to mention the many opportunities to pay taxes?*

*We are fortunate to have the ability to offer two classes. One weekday evening in University Place area and one Saturday class in Tacoma. There's sure to be a class that fits your schedule, at a location that works for you. You and your Board Members and chairs can attend all together or attend separate sessions. Everyone learns a little something new at each one. If you aren't able to attend a PTA & the Law workshop offered in our region, you are encouraged to attend the training in a neighboring region. We hope to see you there!!*

## **PTA & the Law Workshop**

Saturday, October 1, 2011 Tacoma 8:30am-12:00pm  
Grace Lutheran Church 6202 South Tyler, Tacoma  
(Located across from the Gray Middle School)

Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> University Place 5:30 -9:00pm  
Curtis High School Staff Development Room  
8425 40<sup>th</sup> St West, University Place

**\$40 fee allows your unit to attend and includes 2 PTA & The Law books-2011/2012 Edition.** Don't miss this vital training for your officers and board. This is one of the most important workshops offered by Washington State PTA! PTA & the Law deals with state and federal rules and regulations for running a charitable, tax-exempt non-profit corporation (your PTA) in the state of Washington. This workshop will explain how these rules can and do affect your PTA's activities. (Do you host basket raffles, bingo, carnivals, or auctions to raise money for your PTA fund raisers?)

**Yearly attendance to this training is highly recommended for your entire board!**

PTA & the Law is open to all interested PTA members. Bring your principal! Seating is limited, and therefore advanced registration is strongly recommended.

Deadline for pre-registration is **by September 28<sup>th</sup> for Tacoma & October 20<sup>th</sup> for University Place. Make checks payable to WSPTA.** Please remember to include **two signatures** and your **PTA unit number** as required on the check.

Send a copy of this registration form (make one for your records) or register online. See the [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org) web site—Region 10 for more information and to register or **Contact Patti with questions [PTAreg10@wastatepta.org](mailto:PTAreg10@wastatepta.org) or 253-759-1527**  
Region 10 PTA & The Law Registration form

Unit/Council \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of extra PTA & the Law books (\$15.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check which class you will be attending. (If your PTA group needs to attend at different times, please put how many will attend in each slot.)

PTA & The Law October 1<sup>st</sup> Tacoma 8:30am-12:00pm

How many PTA members will be attending? \_\_\_\_\_

PTA & The Law October 26<sup>th</sup> Curtis High School 5:30-9:00pm

How many PTA members will be attending? \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail registration forms and check for \$40.00 (by September 29<sup>th</sup> for Tacoma & October 20<sup>th</sup> for Curtis High School)**

Make checks payable to: **Washington State PTA** Two signatures are required on PTA checks & Unit #.

SEND TO: Patti DeRusha, 1647 S. Huson Dr, Tacoma WA, 98405,

## **Region 10 Advocacy Update:**

Hello Region 10 Advocates! Want to make an impact in the lives of kids across the state? Here's a short list of three things your unit can do right now:

**1. Distribute the 2011 Legislative Issues Survey and encourage every PTA member to take it.** This 5-minute survey tells WSPTA what we think is important for kids. Delegates from around the state will use your responses to help frame our platform at Legislative Assembly in October. ***The e-survey closes on September 18, so get it out to your members and send back your own responses now.*** Here's a link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JJK9WVD>.

Find more info, resources, and a paper version of the survey under the advocacy tab at [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org).

**2. Register one or more of your members as a delegate to represent your unit at Legislative Assembly, October 14-15 in SeaTac.** NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. Just choose one of your PTA members and sign them up; we'll teach them everything they need to know. Early bird registration is \$140 and is due September 28. Your PTA budget should pay for your delegate's registration out of your advocacy/legislative line item. Don't have the line item? Create it or reallocate. ***If you don't have a delegate at Legislative Assembly, the views of your members and the interests of your kids will not be represented.*** Send a delegate. Find more information and the registration form under the advocacy tab at [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org).

**3. Designate an Advocacy or Legislative Chair for your unit.** This is generally the person who attends Legislative Assembly and coordinates the advocacy efforts of your unit. If you can't find someone to fill the position right now, choose a board member to serve until you can. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. *Appoint someone and let us know who you've chosen. Email their name and contact information to Stacey Riley: [rlc10@wastatepta.org](mailto:rlc10@wastatepta.org) or [jason-staceyryley@comcast.net](mailto:jason-staceyryley@comcast.net).*

**So there you have it, the short list of things you can do for kids right now. Advocacy matters; be engaged.**

*I can't wait to see you at Legislative Assembly. Email me and let me know you're coming!*

**Stacey Riley**  
Region 10 Legislative Chair  
Every Child. One Voice.