

# Audubon PTSA Advocacy – Resource Handout Fall 2009

## What Can You Do?

### **Thank you for-**

- **Learning** more about advocating for your local students' public education
- **Understanding** how your advocacy has pervasive effects on our children's opportunities
- **Becoming more attentive** to all education funding issues
- **Speaking up and speaking out** – share your new knowledge with everyone
- **Taking action** – to be aware, to ask questions, to be active, and to give more -- to participate in the solutions!

### **Who Advocates?** People do -

- Individuals
- Local Units
- Councils
- Coalitions

### **Where To Advocate?**

Within your own normal circles –

- your friends and peers
- your school and PTA groups
- your school board
- your district administration
- your unions
- your local govts and agencies
- WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS
  - House Representatives
  - Senator

### **Steps To Take Now**

- Become informed": Go to [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org)  
- Click on "Legislation"
- Enroll at above site in PTA's Action Alerts: You'll receive PTA emails in the legislative session for requested action on an issue.
- Read at above site the PTA's Weekly "Grassroots Connection" weekly during legislative session, and the Bill Status

### **Educate Others!**

- The single greatest power of local advocacy is sharing your knowledge and urgency for managing change

### **Lend Your Support**

- Write or email your Leg. District Reps. & Sen.
- **Go to [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov)** - Click on "*Find Your Legislator*"
- Write letters to the editors at newspapers,
- *Vote! Vote! Vote! Vote! Vote! Vote!*
- **Support WSPTA**

## Web Links Resources

### **Sources for data specific to your School District & Bldg.:**

- Audubon Elementary PTSA  
<http://audubonpta.org/default.aspx>
- Lake Washington School District – Budget 2009-10  
<http://www.lwsd.org/News/2009-2010-Budget/Pages/default.aspx>
- Lake Washington School District – Budget Overview:  
<http://www.lwsd.org/About/Budget-Info/Pages/default.aspx>
- LWSD - Vision 2020 for JHS and HS Teachers  
<http://www.lwsd.org/About/District-Admin/Superintendent-Message/Pages/default.aspx>
- WA OSPI: Home Page: [www.k12.wa.us/](http://www.k12.wa.us/)
- WA OSPI: Data & Reports:  
[www.k12.wa.us/DataAdmin/default.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/DataAdmin/default.aspx)
- WA OSPI: District Report Cards:  
<http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/summary.aspx?schoold=1&reportLevel=State&orgLinkId=1&yrs=>
- WA OSPI: Compare your District or School:  
<http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/SideBySide.aspx?schoold=116&OrgTypeId=3&reportLevel=District&orgLinkId=116>

### **Sources for understanding school funding:**

- WA Legislature: *2007 Citizen's Guide to K-12 Finance*  
[www1.leg.wa.gov/documents/Senate/SCSWM/SwmWebsite/Publications/2007/K12Guide2007.pdf](http://www1.leg.wa.gov/documents/Senate/SCSWM/SwmWebsite/Publications/2007/K12Guide2007.pdf)
- Funding Washington Schools: resource to learn how & why  
<http://www.fundingwaschools.org>
- WA State Tax Overview:  
[http://dor.wa.gov/docs/reports/WA\\_Tax\\_System\\_11\\_17\\_2004.pdf](http://dor.wa.gov/docs/reports/WA_Tax_System_11_17_2004.pdf)
- WA State Tax Statistics: <http://dor.wa.gov/content/statistics/>
- WSPTA Legislation Web site –  
[www.wastatepta.org/legislation.htm](http://www.wastatepta.org/legislation.htm)

### **Find & contact your government representatives:**

*Audubon is in the 48th Legislative District & 8th Congressional District*  
King Cnty. Councilmember <http://www.kingcounty.gov/council.aspx>  
State Legislator: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder/>  
WA Governor: <http://www.governor.wa.gov/>  
Congressman: <http://www.house.gov/>  
Senators: <http://www.senate.gov/>  
US President : <http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

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