Local Legislative Vice President

Each local PTA should have a board member responsible for legislative activity to coordinate with the council and region legislative contacts to implement Utah PTA programs.

- 1. Submit a legislative budget for approval by your board to be included in the yearly budget (see page 24)
- 2. Be well informed in order to educate your local board and local membership. Make arrangements with your president to receive legislative information in a timely way.
- 3. Attend legislative trainings at:
 - a. Utah PTA Advocacy Conference
 - b. PTA Day at the Capitol
 - c. Utah PTA Leadership Convention
 - d. Region and council legislative meetings
- 4. Study legislative information at the council, region, state, and national levels
 - a. Follow issues in the media
 - b. Use the Utah PTA Legislative Bill Sheets. This page is updated weekly during the Utah legislative session.
 - c. Join the <u>Utah PTA Legislative Advocacy Committee</u>
 - d. Study the Utah PTA Resolutions to gain an understanding of areas of Utah PTA advocacy.
- 5. Join <u>Utah PTA Take Action</u> network
- 6. Attend local school board meetings
- 7. Attend school community council meetings
- 8. Communicate regularly with your local board of directors and local membership
 - a. Request a time at each local PTA board meeting to train and educate your board members. Be well prepared, brief, and to the point
 - b. Inform your local board about legislative activities and legislative issues
 - c. Present information on current political issues and Utah PTA positions and priorities
 - d. Encourage each board member to sign up for the <u>Utah PTA Take Action</u> Network.

- 9. Meet with other local Legislative Vice Presidents in your council to plan legislative activities
 - a. Obtain a list of local Legislative Vice Presidents in your council
 - b. Attend council and region meetings as requested
 - c. Communicate with your council legislative contact to decide how best to plan for your area, remembering that some activities may work best on a region basis
 - d. Attend a Meet the Candidates Night
 - e. Attend other legislative activities in your region or council
- 10. Maintain a positive working relationship with policy makers in your school district and city
 - a. Legislators
 - b. Superintendents
 - c. Administrators
 - d. School board members
 - e. Community Council members
 - f. Mayors and city officials

RESOURCES

- <u>Utah PTA President Handbook</u>, legislative section
- Annual Resources for PTAs, National PTA, legislative section
- Our Children (National PTA Magazine)
- Utah PTA website
- National PTA website