

Legislative Task Force
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MS State PTA

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The first and on going legislative priority of the MS- PTA is **Full Funding of the MAEP.**

The MS PTA supports continuing Teacher Raises as recommended by the MDE.

The MS PTA supports all efforts to strengthen public education of Mississippi school children that are at-risk of academic failure, which will in turn strengthen all Mississippi Public Schools. This will also lead to an increased academic success for all at-risk students at all levels and will lead to increased high school graduation rates for all students.

PTA MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the PTA is threefold:

- * to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
- * to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and
- * to encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

PTA OBJECTIVES

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers is an educational organization that seeks to unite the forces of home, school, and community in behalf of children and youth. Its objects are:

- * 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.