WSPTA Focus Day 2025: Know Before You Go

Important Information for Focus Day Attendees – Monday, February 17

Don't forget to wear your PTA BLUE

New Venue: WSPTA reserved space across the street from the Capitol at the United Churches of Olympia (110 11th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501). The church will be our "home base" for Focus Day. Registration will be in the Social Hall downstairs. **Please note that WSPTA is not in the Columbia Room at the Capitol this year**.

Parking and Location Map <u>here</u>. Expect there to be a lot of people at the Capitol and parking to be tight. There are a limited number of ADA parking spots at the church. <u>No other parking is available at the church</u>.

Registration Open at 8:30 am: Come check-in and pick up a blue scarf or bag (while supplies last).

Welcome and Overview Starts at 9 am

10:00am Rally to Fully Fund Education with Washington Education Association and Group Photo: Walk as a WSPTA group at 9:40 am from the church across the street to the Capitol steps or meet us there!

Bring your creativity as we spread the message to fully fund schools by screen printing, making buttons, chalking, and more! Feel free to bring a blank T-shirt or tote if you would like to participate.

You don't need a sign to participate, but signs are welcome at the rally. Since signs are not allowed in the buildings, we will have a couple of volunteers available to collect signs, so we don't leave any garbage at the event or around the grounds.

There are other rallies happening in Olympia on Monday. If you join other rallies, please remove your PTA blue and other PTA identifiers so there is no confusion about who is participating. As 501c3 non-profit organizations, PTAs are non-partisan and are unable to participate in partisan political activities.

Tours (preregistration required): The Capitol will be extremely busy and there will be security checkpoints with metal detectors to access points for the Tour. To speed this process up, we ask that you limit your personal belongings or leave belongings like backpacks with friends while on the tour when possible.

Guest Speaker: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will speak from 12:15-12:45 pm at the United Churches of Olympia.

Legislator meetings: Thank you for taking time to meet with legislators in Olympia and virtually this session to discuss <u>WSPTA's 2025-2026 Legislative Priorities</u>. The <u>Focus on Advocacy toolkit</u> is a great resource for planning successful legislator meetings with resources including <u>2025</u> <u>Legislative Session Talking Points</u>. Please let us know who you meet with and how your meetings go using the <u>WSPTA Legislator Meeting Summary Form</u>.

Box Lunch Pickup (preorder required): If you pre-ordered your lunch with your registration, please come to the Registration Table between 11 am - 1 pm to pick up your box.

Security/Safety: Our mutual safety is a priority and as such we ask that once your group is all inside the building that you close/lock the doors. As a reminder, United Churches is also a Gunfree Zone.

You can also sign up for safety notifications from WA Agency Alerts, the Capitol campus' emergency warning system.

- To sign up for ongoing notifications, text CAMPUSALERT to 888-777.
- To sign up for notifications for one week only, text CAMPUSGUEST to the same number. Learn more about WA Agency Alerts

Thank you for helping us keep each other safe.

All personal items need to be removed from the church by 2 pm. The building will be closing.

Questions about the event, please contact ptaadvocacydir@wastatepta.org