Dr. Gwendolen A. Loosmore (PTA Experience)

MEMBER OF WASHINGTON STATE PTA ADVOCACY COMMITTEE, (2019-present)

WSPTA Outstanding Advocate Award (2022)

- Authored top-five legislative issue on gun violence prevention: 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024
- Co-authored top-five legislative issue on student mental health: 2022, 2024
- Authored amendment to gun violence prevention issue and resolution: 2019, 2022, 2023
- Testified in person and online before state legislature and analyzed bills for committee
- Coordinated with other advocacy groups on gun violence prevention and student mental health
- Developed testimony for and trained other advocates to testify
- Taught classes and led information sessions and caucuses at WSPTA Legislative Assembly and Convention
- Produced written and video informational materials to support WSPTA platform
- Represented WSPTA in meetings with state legislators and at National PTA Legislative Conference

OTHER WASHINGTON STATE PTA COMMITTEE SERVICE, (2020-present)

- Legislative School-Based Behavioral Health and Suicide Prevention Subgroup: 2022-present
- OSPI School Safety and Student Well-Being Advisory Committee: 2021-22
- Resolutions Committee: 2021-22
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee: 2021-22
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force: 2021
- Region 2 Advocacy Chair: 2024-present and 2020-22

BOARD SERVICE, MERCER ISLAND SCHOOL PTAS, (2013-present)

Mercer Island High School PTSA Outstanding Advocate Award (2024) Islander Middle School PTSA Golden Acorn Award (2020) Lakeridge Elementary PTA Special Recognition Award (2019) West Mercer Elementary PTA Golden Acorn Award (2016)

- Mercer Island High School PTSA, Advocacy Co-VP: 2024-present
- Islander Middle School PTSA, Advocacy Co-VP: 2019-21
- Lakeridge Elementary PTA, Advocacy Co-VP: 2017-19
- Mercer Island PTA Council, Advocacy Co-VP: 2015-16
- West Mercer Elementary PTA, Advocacy Co-VP: 2014-16
- West Mercer Elementary PTA, Enrichment Co-VP: 2014-15
- Lakeridge Elementary PTA, Co-VP Fifth Grade Programs: 2013-14

FOUNDER, MERCER ISLAND PTA COUNCIL ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE FOR GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION, (2018-2021)

Washington State PTA Gold Award (to Subcommittee) (2019) Mercer Island PTA Council Outstanding Advocate Award (2019)

- Established award-winning PTA committee to advocate and educate regarding gun violence prevention
- Presented advocacy spotlight seminar at National PTA Legislative Conference
- Educated local PTAs about relevant legislation and PTA positions, platform, and advocacy approaches