



2009 ADVOCACY COMMITMENT

Now you're fired up and ready to bring effective advocacy home to your school and community. Combining your passion with resources from PTA, you become a powerful messenger for the children in your school and throughout our state.

To get you started, we have laid out some issues and sample goals to help you focus your advocacy efforts. By signing commitment below, you promise to set at least one advocacy goal pertaining to one or more of PTA' priority issues; and PTA promises to help you with resources and information.

ISSUES

- education
- health
- nutrition
- safety
- juvenile protection
- welfare reform
- parent and family life
- drug abuse prevention

SAMPLE GOALS

Increase Public Awareness

- Start or join your PTA's legislative committee.
- Create an on-line or in-person discussion group.
- Distribute Capitol Watch updates among your PTA and at community meetings.

- Host a "Meet and Greet" and invite your elected officials.
- Implement and monitor your school's Wellness Policy.
- Inform the youth in your school about the laws in Georgia that affect them.

Influence Policy/Legislation

- Organize trips to Board of Education and local government meetings and establish working relationships between your PTA and these officials.
- Organize calling parties to your elected officials.
- Organize a town hall meeting with your elected officials.

COMMITMENT

I promise to complete at least one advocacy goal by January 31, 2010, and send a brief description of my goal and activities to Georgia PTA 114 Baker Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-3366 ATTN: Legislative Committee or gapta@bellsouth.net RE: Advocacy Commitment. In addition, I commit to:

- Read all the web pages under the *ISSUES AND ACTIONS* tab at www.georgiapta.org regularly,
- Attend PTA Day at the Capitol on February 23, 2010; and
- Pass along all the information learned today to at least one other person.

This the 25th Day of September, 2009.

Print Name

Signature

Email Address: _____

Handouts

