

PLAN OF WORK

2010-2011

Officer/Chairperson Name: Otha Thornton

Position: Legislative Chair Year: 2010-11

Responsibilities/Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote advocacy and train new advocates through workshops, newsletter articles, Capitol Watch, the Advocacy Conference and PTA Day at the Capitol • Monitor legislative activity and keep PTA members informed about legislation affecting education and youth on the State and National levels • Organize Advocacy Conference • Organize PTA Day at the Capitol • Represent Georgia PTA before legislative entities 	
Goal:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make every PTA member an informed and active advocate • Provide training on legislative issues and advocacy • Inform PTA member on legislative issues and activities 	
SPECIFIC ACTION STEPS	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE
Coordinate legislative track for the Leadership Training Conference including workshops for new and experienced advocates	May 2010	July 2011
Plan Advocacy Conference including: agenda, speakers, promotion, articles for newsletters and e-voice, lunch and workshops	June 2010 May 2010	September 2011 September 2010
Plan PTA Day at the Capitol including: agenda, speakers, invitations to legislators, promotion, lunch and reservations	June 2010 June 2010	February 2011 Mar 2011
Write articles for newsletters and e-voice to inform members of legislative issues, sources of information and activities	ongoing	ongoing
Monitor legislation and send out action alerts as needed	ongoing	ongoing
Represent Georgia PTA in areas where we have a position and help develop resolutions to address new issues on which Georgia PTA wishes to take a position	ongoing	ongoing
Budget: To fund Advocacy Conference , PTA Day at the Capitol, Capitol Watch, expenses for the Education Policy Consultant and Federal Legislative Consultants	\$27,000 2010 \$22.9k	\$1000 committee \$1800 Adv Conf \$2000 Nat'l Adv \$10700 PTA Day \$6800 CapWatch
Specialists:	Barbara Costello – Federal legislation Sally FitzGerald - Education Policy	
Committee Members:	Sally FitzGerald, Barbara Costello, Abby Shiffman, Lynn Cherrington, Rebecca Branstetter , Joyce Walden, Pamela Kent, Sandy Purkett, Vernetta Nuriddin, Diane Jacobi, Lisa Martin, Chinita Allen, Chip Rousey, Laura Dobbs, Tyler Barr, Wendy Kavanaugh	

ATTACHMENT TO PLAN OF WORK 2009-2011

Responsibilities/Duties

- Meet with legislators to discuss issues and develop support for Georgia PTA positions
- Develop resolutions on issues for which Georgia PTA wishes to have a position
- Develop legislative priorities
- Provide support to local units on legislative issues
- Communicate, engage, and integrate appropriate GPTA committee chairs and committees on education topics originating from Georgia's Legislative bodies(House and Senate) and strive to maximize attendance as required for committee meetings at the Capitol

Specific Actions Steps

- Develop resolutions as needed to address issues
- Respond to questions and issues from local units and PTA members
- Update Capitol Watch with legislative activity
- Attend committee meetings and study group meetings at the Capitol and CLOB when issues relevant to Georgia PTA are discussed and be prepared to speak as needed
- Work with the legislative committee to develop legislative priorities for approval by the BOD
- Send out updates on legislative activity
- Focus on geographic inclusiveness and representation from throughout state. Currently, North and South Georgia does not have representative on committee. Actively recruit and establish members from unrepresented geographic areas to serve.