

## Arizona PTA Policy For Public Support Statements for Legislative & Advocacy Issues

Arizona PTA's current Legislative Platform Priorities, Arizona PTA Resolutions and Position statements form the basis for Arizona PTA's statements of support from the Arizona PTA. The Arizona PTA Legislative Platform Priorities and Resolutions are adopted by the accredited voting delegates at the annual Arizona PTA annual convention. Legislative Platform Priorities are listed on the association website with access for members. Adopted Resolutions are on file with the Resolutions subcommittee and Position statements are on file with the Legislative Issues Committee.

The President of Arizona PTA is the registered lobbyist for the state PTA with the state legislature. In addition, there may be an alternate registered lobbyist for Arizona PTA. The legislative issues committee shall collaborate with the President, alternate lobbyist (when applicable) and appropriate standing committee chair(s) to prepare testimony and position statements (based upon the Platform, Resolutions and Position Statements) for state legislature committee hearings, on pending legislation, and for other legislation issue related meetings and matters. When the appropriate committee chair is vacant, communication shall be made with the appropriate officer designated in the bylaws for the specific committee.

Board of manager's members, which include the President and may include an alternate registered lobbyist, shall present the proposed support statement, the reasons why immediate action is needed, and the intended vehicle for release of the support statement, such as but not limited to: news release, television or radio release, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, You Tube, press conference or release.

In order to obtain approval from the majority (majority is 50% plus 1) of the Executive Committee members, prior to the release of the support statement, the state President or the President's designee shall use multiple forms of communication. Due to the urgency of some situations response time will have a deadline of four (4) hours. Communication forms shall include: email, text messages, voice mail, and phone calls. In the case of an emergency, the President or President-Elect (when the President is unavailable) will request response within ninety (90) minutes. The decision on the proposed support statement, whether the Executive Committee members voted in the affirmative or not shall be communicated to the entire Board of Managers by the state secretary.