



2010
Proposed Legislation
Program (PLP)

Legislative Action Items (LAIs)



- Requests for the introduction, passage, or defeat of specific legislation by the General Assembly and/or regulations by the Virginia Board of Education or other appropriate agencies.
- Contain the phrase “The Virginia PTA seeks/supports legislation ...”

Policy Statements



- **Statements of Virginia PTA on general issues and may be used as the basis for addressing issues before the General Assembly, Virginia Board of Education or other appropriate agencies.**
- **Think of these as “We believe” statements.**

The PLP Process



- **February/March**
 - Legislation Committee meets after the General Assembly session to analyze bills that passed, failed, or rolled over
 - Input is gathered from the Legislation Committee members
 - The PPLP (Preliminary Proposed Legislation Program) is written and distributed
 - Suggestions for changes to the PPLP are generated at District Meetings throughout the state

The PLP Process (cont.)



- **April/May**
 - The VA PTA Board of Managers meets to consider suggestions from all districts
 - Information about the Public Hearing is announced through the *Bulletin*, on the VA PTA website and in Council and Local Unit mailings
 - The Public Hearing is held
 - The BOM votes on the PPLP
 - Once approved, it becomes the PLP and can not be changed

The PLP Process (cont.)



- **September/October**
 - Each District conducts a Fall Legislation Program to explain the content of the PLP
 - Local Units conduct a vote on the PLP with tally sheets due to their District Directors on
October 24, 2009
 - Voting on the PLP is the right of every member of the VA PTA

The PLP Process (cont.)



- **November (at Convention)**
 - The results of the PLP are announced
 - All LAIs and PSs approved by the membership become a part of the Virginia PTA Legislation Program

And Finally...



- **December/January**
 - **The Legislation Committee delivers copies of the VA PTA Legislation Program, including the newly added LAIs and PSs, to every member of the General Assembly**

The 2010 Proposed Legislation Program (PLP)



- **One Legislative Action Item (LAI)**
- **Two Policy Statements (PS)**

LAI #1



- **The Virginia PTA/PTSA seeks and supports programs that prevent crimes against children. The Virginia PTA/PTSA supports legislation that increases funding for government agencies in identifying and prosecuting those who have committed crimes against children.**

PS #1



- **Virginia PTA/PTSA supports local school boards in evaluating their grading scale policies for middle and secondary schools, to reflect current academic trends, local norms, and student achievement expectations in their school divisions.**

PS #2



- **The Virginia PTA/PTSA supports the requirement that all public school teachers are provided fully-funded, unencumbered planning time.**

Questions



- Contact Kathy Burcher, VA PTA Legislation Chair at legislation@vapta.org
- Contact your District Director