



ADVOCACY MENU FOR 2018

The Colorado PTA Legislative Committee has created this new Advocacy Menu to help members of Colorado PTA get involved with state advocacy activities that can be done in addition to, or instead of, participating on the committee. We would be glad to help with any of the items listed here, such as providing information about legislators or arranging trainings or events; contact Evie Hudak, Public Policy Director, at legislative@copta.org for assistance.

Here are some ideas for advocacy activities that you can do in 2018:

- Host or attend an Advocacy Training for PTA members in your local unit, Council, or Region.
- Get up-to-date information about efforts to improve school funding by visiting the website of [Great Education Colorado](#) and signing up for updates. Register to attend their [Advocacy U](#) sessions and [Brown Bag Luncheons](#).
- Attend the [2018 Action Summit](#) on February 28, 2018.
- [Sign up to carry a petition](#) for the [ballot initiative to create more school funding](#) that will be coming out soon.
- Get information about state finance issues by visiting the website of the [Colorado Fiscal Institute](#) – in particular, look at the Video Library under the Library tab, especially “Colorado State Budget and Taxes Explained.”
- Attend [Speak Up for Kids Day](#) on March 14, 2018. Information about this event will be available soon.
- Host or attend an Advocacy Day for PTA members in your Council or Region – either at the Capitol or at a location within the Council or Region. This could include meeting with local legislators and discussing PTA’s legislative priorities and/or positions on specific bills. It could be done in conjunction with Advocacy Training.
- Attend your local legislator’s Day at the Capitol, if one is held, and use it to advocate for PTA’s legislative priorities and/or positions on specific bills.
- Subscribe to Chalkbeat and receive email newsletters on Colorado education issues.