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CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Convention Set for July

The 2025 State Convention has been set for July 18 - 19 in at the Metro Tech Springlake campus in Oklahoma City.

The State Convention serves as Oklahoma PTA's annual business meeting where members gather to vote on legislative priorities and bylaws amendments, attend workshops and training sessions, and gather new program and fundraising ideas. Our members include parents, teachers, students and administrators from every area of Oklahoma. Delegates to the Convention include PTA leaders from across Oklahoma representing more than 27,000 members statewide.



“We are excited to bring the convention to Oklahoma City this year and report to our members what we did during the past year, but to also discuss our future endeavors in the carrying out of our mission to support and advocate for the children of Oklahoma,” said Jane York, OKPTA President. “Convention is a time when all aspects of our membership - parents, teachers, administrators, and the businesses that support us - can gather and discuss the needs of our schools and are students.”

The event features keynote speakers and workshops that help build PTA organizations, grow memberships, discuss new and updated legislative actions and laws pertaining to schools and education, school safety, community partnerships and more. In addition, members can networks and share ideas on what has worked in specific districts for different schools. For businesses, it is a time show support for education and to promote products and services to potential customers.

This year's theme for the convention is Defy Gravity and will focus on how PTAs and schools can work together to not be kept down through the burdens facing educators, parents, and students in today's educational environment.

More details and proposed workshop topics along with registration and sponsorship information will be forthcoming soon. Keep watching the website at www.okpta.org for updates and the latest information.

See you in July!

The Importance of Advocacy

Last month around 200 people joined OKPTA and other education organizations in celebration of Public Education Week at the Oklahoma State Capitol. The groups were raising awareness of the importance of supporting public education and advocating for children.

Advocacy plays a vital role in our mission to support and uplift every child in our state. It's not just a responsibility; it is a powerful tool that can lead to meaningful change in our schools and communities.

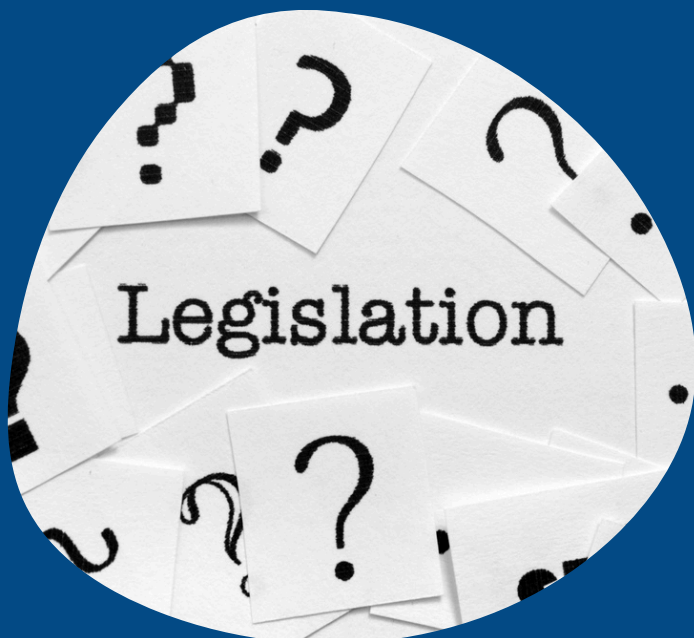
Every day, we have the opportunity to be the voice for our children, ensuring their needs are met and their rights are protected. Whether it's advocating for increased funding for education, promoting policies that support mental health resources, or ensuring safe and inclusive environments for all students, our efforts can make a significant difference.

Together, we can influence local and state policies that directly impact our children's education and well-being. By engaging with our elected officials, participating in community discussions, and collaborating with other organizations, we can amplify our collective voice and create a brighter future for every student.

I encourage each of you to be active participants in our advocacy efforts. Attend meetings, reach out to your representatives, and share your stories. Your voice matters, and together, we can drive positive change.

Jane

Legislative Roundtables



Tulsa Area Legislative Roundtable

April 3 @ 6:30pm

Central on Main

210 N Main Street

Broken Arrow OK

Oklahoma City Area Legislative Roundtable

April 10 @ 6:30pm

Moore Public Library

225 S Howard Ave

Moore OK

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April 3
Legislative Roundtable - Tulsa

April 10
Legislative Roundtable - OKC

April 30
Oklahoma Day of Action - OKC

July 18-19
State Convention - OKC



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