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ANNUAL INDIANA PTA LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE PLANNED

(Indianapolis, IN) Once again the Indiana PTA is giving members a chance to get up close and personal with state legislators. The annual Indiana PTA Legislative Conference has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th in downtown Indianapolis. The theme for the day is *Shaping the Future of Indiana's Youth*.

The conference will provide parents, teachers, administrators, and students with the opportunity to learn about pressing legislative issues concerning education across the state. Recent educational funding cuts will most likely be among those issues. Every Indiana legislator will be invited to attend the Conference luncheon, allowing attendees the time to talk to their legislators one on one about issues effecting schools and students in their home districts.

Sen. Kruse, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, will speak and participate in a Q&A segment. In addition, a student panel will be conducted, giving students the chance to engage in the legislative process.

Theresa Distelrath, chair of the Indiana PTA Legislative Committee stresses the importance of attending this event. "One of the key differences between most parent groups and PTA is our legislative ties," says Distelrath. "The Legislative Conference is a wonderful opportunity for PTA members to advocate for our youth and push for legislation that promotes the health and well being our children."

The Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency, 1 South Capitol Avenue, and registration is open to any current PTA member. A registration fee of \$25.00 covers admission, materials, lunch, and statehouse tour. Early bird registration deadline is Friday, January 13th. Registration forms, and more information about the event can be found on our website at www.indianapta.org/LegDay.html. Not a PTA member? Contact the Indiana PTA office at (317) 357-5881 to find your local PTA.

*The mission of the Indiana PTA is to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children, and to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children and encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

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