

Advocacy and Legislative

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Advocacy is utilized at the local, state, and federal levels. Here are some suggestions for each level.

1. Local - This will be the district(s) for which we work. The school personnel and parents have first-hand knowledge of what you do to help children, families, and school staff. Attend a Board of Education meeting, write a short article for the newspaper (check the NASP website for ideas), write a letter to your teachers and administrators and tell them who you are and what you do, and when you will be in their building.
2. State – Our legislature has been actively involved in pay parity incentives for professionals with national certification in which school psychologist have been omitted. In addition, other incentives, such as early retirement, etc. have been earmarked for teachers. We have not been good ambassadors of ourselves or attentive to the legislative activity that has/will impact us. Let your local legislators know who you are and what you are doing to help families and children in school.

PRIORITY ITEM!!!

AT THIS TIME, IT IS IMPORTANT TO WRITE A LETTER OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE, RATHER THAN E-MAIL A LETTER. THIS IS TIME SENSITIVE AND NEEDS A PERSONNEL TOUCH. ALWAYS INCLUDE THE BILL NUMBER: SENATE BILL 329

RESPECTFULLY, ASK HIM TO PUT THE BILL ON HIS AGENDA. SENATE BILL 329.

SENATE BILL 329
SENATOR ROBERT PLYMALE
CHAIR, SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Room 417M, Building 1
State Capitol Complex
Charleston, WV 25305
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HOUSE BILL 4117
Introduced by Delegate Robert Browning
Passed unanimously by the Education Committee

Please write a thank you note to Delegate Browning and his committee members thanking them for their support.

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House Education Committee
You can get telephone numbers and e-mail addresses on the website
If you have time, please call your representative

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You can contact the state legislators by using the home site

<http://www.legis.state.wv.us/>

House of Representatives

<http://www.legis.state.wv.us/House/members/delmemview1.cfm>

Senate

<http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Senate1/members/senmemview.cfm>

Bill Status

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Status/bill_status.cfm

Bill Tracking

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/billstatus_personalized/persbills_login.cfm

3. Federal – Many funding opportunities begin at the federal level. While we know about funding through IDEA, No Child Left Behind has monies available for mental health services in the school.
 - a. Please take a moment to visit NASP Cap Wiz
<http://capwiz.com/naspweb/home/>
 - i. You can use the letter provided
 - ii. You can amend the letter
 - iii. You can delete the letter and write your own
 - b. Take a moment to find how to contact your federal legislator when he/she is at home. You don't have to go to Washington to see them. Often, you get a better response locally. Write a note and let them know how school psychologists help children succeed in school.

LAST YEAR ONLY TWO PEOPLE IN WV USED THE CAPWIZ PROGRAM. (THE LOWEST IN THE COUNTRY). PLEASE VISIT IT AND SEE IF YOU CAN SUPPORT ANY FEDERAL LEGISLATION LISTED THAT MAY BENEFIT OUR PROFESSION. LET'S GET THAT NUMBER UP FOR THIS YEAR. YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS REQUEST IS APPRECIATED.

NASP Resources for Legislative Issues and Advocacy can be found at (if you cannot hyperlink, then copy and put it in your web browser).

Advocacy Action Center

<http://www.nasponline.org/advocacy/advoactioncenter.aspx>

Advocacy Resources

<http://www.nasponline.org/advocacy/researchmain.aspx>

Resources for writing articles

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