

ADVOCACY ALERT



March is PTA Advocacy Month **All children in New York State need your help!**

The Governor's proposed budget contains some items that are of concern to New York State PTA. NYS PTA is mounting a campaign to address two of those issues: education funding and charter schools. We are asking every PTA member to participate in our legislative campaign.

Our campaign is two-fold: a letter/postcard writing initiative and a Virtual Lobby Day.

Please, *starting immediately*, write letters and/or postcards to your representatives in Albany. You can use the attached letters and postcards, or create your own using the issue briefs included. Letters should be sent to all listed on the reverse side, and your local area representatives. Have members sign several copies at your meetings, and send them all in one envelope. Postcards included should be duplicated on postcard sheets available at local office supply stores (remember to put on stamp). Duplicate a batch and have members sign at your next meeting! Send out the letters/postcards more than once. *The more Albany hears from us, the stronger our message becomes.*

Virtual Lobby Day is *March 17th*. On that day we are asking all our members to call, email and/or fax their legislators. Tell them you support full funding for public schools and want to see changes in the funding and accountability of charter schools! Contact all legislators listed, as well as your local representatives. *We need thousands of voices to ensure our message is heard.*

This is our opportunity to mobilize so that all children have access to a sound education! This is Advocacy Action!

Together we can send a powerful message to Albany

