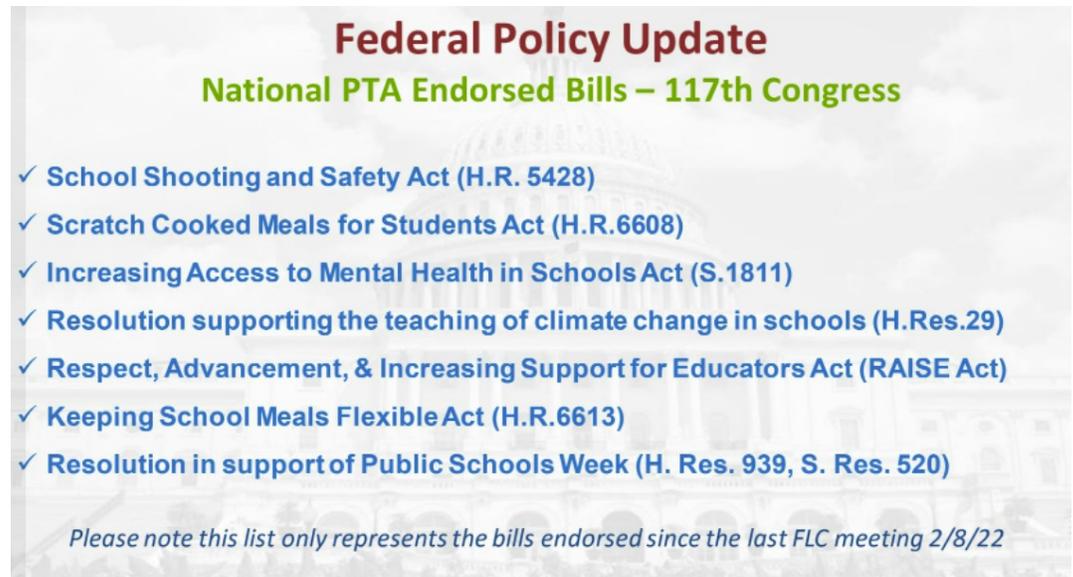


Please engage with your elected officials on behalf of your child. Legislators want your input on current issues. Use the links embedded above to find legislator contact information.

[Federal Bills](#)

Help amplify our voice by contacting your representative in support of the bills recently endorsed by National PTA.

[Find Your U. S. Representative](#)



Federal Policy Update
National PTA Endorsed Bills – 117th Congress

- ✓ School Shooting and Safety Act (H.R. 5428)
- ✓ Scratch Cooked Meals for Students Act (H.R.6608)
- ✓ Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act (S.1811)
- ✓ Resolution supporting the teaching of climate change in schools (H.Res.29)
- ✓ Respect, Advancement, & Increasing Support for Educators Act (RAISE Act)
- ✓ Keeping School Meals Flexible Act (H.R.6613)
- ✓ Resolution in support of Public Schools Week (H. Res. 939, S. Res. 520)

Please note this list only represents the bills endorsed since the last FLC meeting 2/8/22

[Alabama Legislature](#) (Thursday, April 4th, 2022, is expected to be the last day of this session)

Broadband [Act 2022-125](#)

PLEASE VOTE YES ON NOV 8, 2022 BALLOT Legislature passed broadband bill in special session earlier this winter. Ballot measure language not yet available at Alabama Secretary of State website.

Action: Please educate your community on the vital need for expanding broadband to support on-campus learning & nightly homework, and to ensure that every child in Alabama has the necessary support to keep up with their education. Please encourage your community to Vote Yes.

Removal of Firearms Restrictions [Act 2022-133](#)

PASSED. Before becoming law, legislators eliminated language which would have removed the ban of firearms at school sporting events.

[National PTA Response to Federal School Safety Commission Report](#)

Mental Health

PASSED: [HB123](#), Mental Health Service Coordinators requires each local board of education to hire a mental health service coordinator to serve the schools

Alabama Legislature Continued

Prohibiting “Divisive Concepts”

POSSIBLE VOTE 4/14/2022

Action: Contact your Alabama State Senators to let them know your feelings on [HB312](#): public schools prohibited from teaching concepts such as, “an individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously. “

National PTA Guidance on Critical Race Theory available.

Vaccination

Remains in House Committee :[HB 31](#) Would prohibit discrimination (including employers and places of public accommodation) to discriminate against an individual based on immunization status (schools listed specifically section 2. a (4) j, on page 4, line 17.)

Action: Contact your Alabama State Representatives to let them know your feelings on HB31.

Feminine Hygiene

PASSED: [HB 50](#) Requiring some schools to provide feminine hygiene products in women’s restrooms at no cost to students

Action: Please thank your Alabama State legislators for passing HB 50 no cost feminine hygiene products for students.

National PTA Hill Day: June 15, 2022

Members of the Alabama PTA Executive Committee will attend [Hill Day](#) to support Alabama’s children.

Three key asks will be included:

- Child Nutrition: Ensure school-provided meals are healthy and available to all.
- Youth Mental Health Support: Provide behavioral and mental health resources to help students thrive
- Community Violence Intervention: Protect children/youth from violence by investing in our communities.

Action: Please help us advocate for every child in one voice by contacting your US legislators in support of these initiatives.

Alabama State Department of Education Board Meetings

Meetings are streamed live on YouTube.

Search “[aldeptofed - YouTube](#) “ or go to www.youtube.com/user/aldeptofed/live

Upcoming Meetings:

4/14/2022 – 10AM – 11AM

5/12/2022 – 10AM – 11AM

6/9/2022 – 10AM – 11AM

7/12/2022 – 10AM – 11AM

Please contact me with any questions or suggestions!

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