



West Virginia PTA Position Statement Supporting the West Virginia Department of Education Petition on House Bill 2755

The West Virginia PTA strongly supports the West Virginia Board of Education's Petition for a Writ of Mandamus challenging House Bill 2755. This law would place unnecessary limits on the State Board of Education's constitutional authority to oversee our public schools; authority that has long been protected to keep education decisions focused on what's best for students, not politics.

Our state's Constitution clearly gives the West Virginia Board of Education the responsibility for the "general supervision" of public schools. This ensures that decisions about school safety, learning standards, and classroom quality are made by those with professional expertise in education, rather than being influenced by shifting political agendas. The Board's authority in this supervision has been essential to maintaining consistent, research-based standards across all schools.

By opposing legislative overreach such as House Bill 2755, the West Virginia PTA stands for stability, fairness, and the voice of West Virginia voters, who have twice rejected attempts to transfer rulemaking authority away from the Board. We believe that preserving the independence of the State Board of Education protects our children, supports our teachers, and ensures that our schools will remain strong, fair, and nonpartisan. We respectfully urge the Court to uphold the Board's constitutional role and safeguard the integrity of public education in West Virginia.

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Janelle R. Sperry
Federal Legislative Chair,
West Virginia PTA

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