



## 2012 National PTA Legislative Conference Brings PTA Leaders to Capitol Hill

*Secretary of Education addresses group*

PTA volunteers from across the country brought their advocacy skills to Washington DC on March 6-8 for the 2012 **National PTA Legislative Conference**. The conference featured federal advocacy trainings and workshops related to National PTA's Public Policy Agenda, and a keynote address from U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

On the final day of the conference, attendees met with Congressional leaders on Capitol Hill to advocate for education funding and the **Family Engagement in Education Act** (S. 941/H.R. 1821). To end the conference, advocates assembled for the PTA Takes Action Luncheon where both Congressional leaders and PTA advocates were recognized for their exemplary advocacy on behalf of our Nation's children. Click below for a full list of conference materials.

[>>>Conference Materials](#)

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## PTA Takes Action on Fiscal Year 2013 Funding for Family Engagement

On Thursday, March 22, National PTA sent out a PTA Takes Action Alert requesting that PTA volunteers send an email to their Senators urging them to sign onto an appropriations letter that requests a portion of the National Activities set-aside within the School Improvement Grant (SIG) funding for a grant competition to fund family engagement activities as authorized under the PIRC program. Additionally, several states participated in targeted mobilization efforts to work with Congressional staff directly to advocate for family engagement funding.







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