

Advocacy is an integral part of any PTA. Advocacy comes in many forms and occurs in every action to improve the lives of children. Advocacy occurs through a PTA's committees and boards and most of all through its volunteers.

It is a PTA's responsibility to promote the educational needs and values of the school community and to address how decisions by school administrators, the Board of Education and elected officials, meet those needs.

Through our affiliation with [NYS](#) and [National PTA](#), a local PTA works to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth and to support a system of free public education.

The work of a PTA is nonpartisan and aligned with the National PTA and NYS PTA guidelines.

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"The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children."

What We Do:

- Raise community awareness about enacting or pending legislation and regulatory issues affecting the health, welfare, safety and education of children and youth.
- Communicate information, so members better understand the long-term impact of decisions made by our elected officials, including our Board of Education.
- Relay information regarding the school district's budget to members and communicate members' concerns to ensure the educational needs of all children are met.
- Work with school administrators, our Board of Education, the GCTA, other groups in our community and our elected officials to achieve the PTA's goals for children and youth.



- Work with other PTAs or parent groups to achieve PTA's goals for children and youth.
- Speak on issues affecting children and youth before our Board of Education and our elected representatives.

- Coordinate the efforts of local grassroots campaigns within our community, including "Get Out to Vote" activities.

- Encourage parental involvement in our public schools.

How We Communicate:

- PTA weekly e-newsletters
- PTA section of the GC News
- PTA website gardencitypta.org
- See [Budget & Legislation](#) in the drop-down menu under ***Committee Info*** for school budget news
- See [PTA Advocacy](#) in the drop-down menu for legislative news