

## Marvista PTSA Legislative Letter Writing Packet, 2017

The Washington State legislature is about to convene and one of the biggest issues they will face is education funding. We are asking Marvista PTSA members to write a letter to their legislators expressing the importance of a strong public education system. These letters will be hand-delivered to the legislators during the Washington State PTA Focus Day on Jan 16, 2017.

How can you help?

1. Know who your legislators are. Most Marvista families live in the 33<sup>rd</sup> district, so your legislators are Sen. Keiser, Rep. Orwall, and Rep Gregerson. District 34 legislators are also listed below.
2. Write letters to one or more legislators following the templates below or feel free to write a letter about a topic you chose. If you can add personal stories about the importance of public education, please do.
3. You or your child can drop the letter in the PTSA box in the front office by Friday, January 13.

Thank you!

Your legislative team

District 33 Legislators (Normandy Park, SeaTac, DesMoines, Kent)

[Sen. Keiser, Karen L](#)

[Rep. Orwall, Tina](#)

[Rep. Gregerson, Mia Su-Ling](#)

District 34 Legislators (Burien, White Center, West Seattle)

[Sen. Nelson, Sharon](#)

[Rep. Cody, Eileen L](#)

[Rep. Fitzgibbon, Joe](#)

## Letter template for adults and older kids:

Dear [Chose one: Sen. Keiser; Rep. Orwall; Rep. Gregerson],

Thank you for your continued efforts to support public education.

It is Washington State's paramount duty to fully fund basic education and Governor Inslee's recent budget plan proposes an additional \$3.9 billion in additional K-12 funding over 2 years – a bold plan to address our education-funding crisis. Please know you have my support in your work to secure constitutionally adequate education for our one million public school children.

[Optional: Insert a personal story about the importance of public education]

I urge you and the legislature to continue taking concrete steps toward meeting the McCleary obligations this year. Our children, teachers and communities are relying on you.

Thank you,

[Name]

[Address]

## Letter template for younger kids:

Dear [Chose one: Sen. Keiser; Rep. Orwall; Rep. Gregerson],

I am a student at Marvista Elementary School and my favorite part of school is

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Please help fund public education so all kids can go to a great school like mine.

Thank you,

[Name]: \_\_\_\_\_