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Everett PTSA Council Awarded Grant for COVID-19 Relief Efforts

Everett, WA (August 25, 2020) —National PTA has awarded Everett PTSA Council with a \$15,000 grant to help meet critical needs of students, families and teachers in their school community due to COVID-19. The funding is made possible by TikTok, a short-form video app and PTA Proud National Sponsor.

“COVID-19 has presented many challenges for families and schools. Now more than ever, PTAs nationwide are working hard to ensure our students, families and educators are safe, healthy and have what they need—focusing on social and emotional wellbeing, resources for distance teaching and learning, bridging the digital divide and addressing food insecurity,” said Leslie Boggs, president of National PTA. “Everett PTSA Council is committed to supporting and advocating for their students, families and teachers during this challenging time. With the grant, Everett PTSA Council will be able to make even more of a difference for their school community.”

With the grant, PTSA Council leaders will collaborate with WA Family Engagement, Everett School District, and parent leaders to develop and implement materials and workshops to better understand the school system and resources available to them. Everett PTSA Council President Jen Hirman said, “Receiving this grant gives us the opportunity to formally partner with several state-wide organizations to engage families in new ways. With students starting the year remotely, parents have many questions on how they can best support their children through this time of change.”

Everett PTSA Council’s grant is part of \$1.5M in funding that National PTA is providing to PTAs across the country for COVID-19 relief efforts. In addition to providing the funding, National PTA launched a comprehensive webpage at [PTA.org/COVID-19](https://pta.org/COVID-19) with resources, tools and information to support families and educators amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The association has also focused several episodes of its [Notes from the Backpack](#) podcast on topics of concern for families due to COVID-19. As part of National PTA’s Back-to-School Week (Sept. 14-18), the association will be sharing information and resources at [PTA.org/BackToSchool](https://pta.org/BackToSchool) and on social media to help PTA leaders, parents, students and teachers navigate the new school year. Further, National PTA continues to advocate for access and support for families and schools for online learning, access to school meals, funding for family engagement, and fiscal and policy relief for state and local education agencies.

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