

Hello Issaquah School PTA/PTSA President,

Welcome to the 2025-26 Issaquah PTSA Council Year! My name is Laura Ni, and this is my second year serving as your Issaquah PTSA Council President (president@issaquahptsa.org). I have a 10th grader at Liberty High School and a 6th grader at Maywood Middle School. I have been involved with PTA/PTSA boards since my older daughter started Kindergarten.

The Issaquah PTSA Council is a nonprofit organization operating at the district level. Our mission is to advocate for children at both local and state levels, build strong PTAs/PTSAs through education and leadership support, and create collaborative opportunities between PTAs/PTSAs, the school district, and community organizations that focus on the health, welfare, and education of all children.

As your council president, my goal this year is to work alongside our council board directors and chairs to support local PTA/PTSA leaders, get to know each of you better, increase the PTA's membership, and assist you in whatever ways you and your PTA/PTSA may need. You can expect regular emails and newsletters from us to keep you informed. Please make sure to add "issaquahptsa.org" to your email safe list, or check your spam folder if you haven't received any emails from us. If you have any questions, please feel free to [contact us](#) (please see the back page).

We host monthly General Membership Meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month (with some exceptions) from 10 am to 12 pm at the Issaquah School District Administration Building. Please check the meeting dates on the attached council calendar or on our website: <https://issaquahptsa.org>. We look forward to meeting you in person or online at these meetings, where we will also feature guest speakers from the district admin team or local community organizations.

We also collaborate with partners such as Influence the Choice, Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS), and the Issaquah Schools Foundation to achieve our goals, which include:

1. Ensuring the longevity and strength of our local PTA/PTSA boards through training and fostering connections.
2. Educating members about Issaquah PTSA Council programs and providing updates on policies and initiatives such as Art Docents, DEI, FACE, Outreach, ParentWiser, Reflections, Special Education, and our community partnerships.
3. Increasing advocacy efforts by providing avenues for members to engage in the legislative process.
4. Supporting local PTA/PTSA efforts to enhance family engagement, inclusivity, and membership growth.
5. Growing strategic partnerships and promoting volunteerism and in-kind donations to better support our community.

Let's work together to create a better educational environment for our children.

Sincerely,

Laura.Ni

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(president@issaquahptsa.org | <https://issaquahptsa.org>)

2025-26 Issaquah PTSA Council – Contact Information

If you have general questions, feel free to reach out directly at president@issaquahptsa.org, or contact your assigned Vice President. Our Vice Presidents are available to work directly with you to address any local PTA/PTSA concerns. For specific questions related to certain programs or areas, you can contact our council directors or committee chairs. (*Special Education PTSA contacts the council president directly with any questions.)

Executive Committees:

President, Laura Ni president@issaquahptsa.org

Secretary, Amy Miller secretary@issaquahptsa.org

Treasurer, Shilpa Schuettenhelm treasurer@issaquahptsa.org

Vice Presidents:

- Secondary Schools, Jennifer Rinker vp-secondaryschools@issaquahptsa.org
All Issaquah Middle and High Schools PTAs/PTSAs
- South Elementary Schools, Rachael Cox vp-el-south@issaquahptsa.org
Apollo, Briarwood, Clark, Cougar Ridge, Issaquah Valley, Maple Hills, Newcastle, Sunset
- North Elementary Schools, Lauren Stephenson vp-el-north@issaquahptsa.org
Cascade Ridge, Cedar Trails, Challenger, Creekside, Discovery, Endeavour, Grand Ridge, Sunny Hills

Standing Committees:

- Advocacy/Legislation: Shannon Mayo (advocacy@issaquahptsa.org)
- Art Docent: Laurelle Graves (artdocent@issaquahptsa.org)
- Family and Community Engagement (FACE): Laura Ni & Melissa Valdez (face@issaquahptsa.org)
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI): Lovenia Hardin & Juni Wu (DEI@issaquahptsa.org)
- Membership: OPEN (membership@issaquahptsa.org)
- Outreach: Angela Dahrea (outreach@issaquahptsa.org)
- Reflections: Angie Warren (reflections@issaquahptsa.org)
- Communications: Lauren Bartholomew (webmaster@issaquahptsa.org)
- ParentWiser: Laura Ni, Laurelle Graves & Angela Dahrea parentwiser@issaquahptsa.org

Ad Hoc Committees:

- Influence the Choice, InfluenceTheChoice@issaquahptsa.org
- Issaquah Schools Foundation, isf-rep@issaquahptsa.org
- Volunteers for Issaquah Schools, vis-rep@issaquahptsa.org
- Issaquah Special Education PTSA, president@issaquahspecialeducationptsa.org

Issaquah PTSA Council social media:

- Website: <https://issaquahptsa.org>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IssaquahPTSACouncil2.6/>
- Instagram: @issaquahptsacouncil
- YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzS5Egv5vj7jbfJkbKJ1kxA>