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## Ensuring Students in West Virginia Receive Quality Education – West Virginia PTA forms the “WV Coalition for Public Education”

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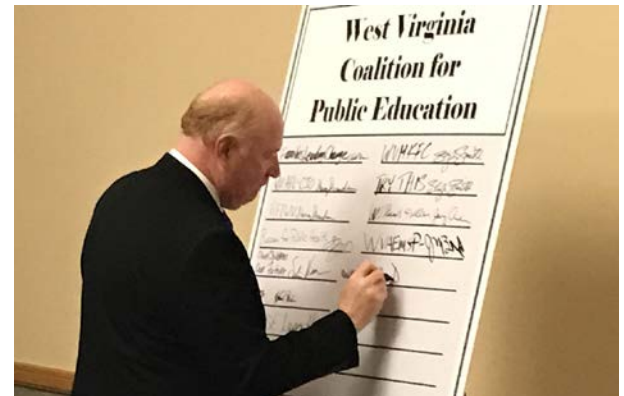
FAIRMONT —Almost two dozen public education-based organizations celebrated their coming together to form a new coalition. At Fairmont State University’s Falcon Center, representatives from the organizations had breakfast and ceremoniously signed a board to symbolize the formation of the West Virginia Coalition for Public Education.

“We are thrilled to be hosting this event today, which is establishing the West Virginia Coalition for Public Education,” Kathy Parker, president of the West Virginia Parent Teachers Association, said.

The purpose of the coalition is to ensure that West Virginia students receive a quality public education, Janelle Sperry of the West Virginia PTA said. The group will be focusing on ensuring the legislature does not make funding cuts to public education. A press release from the PTA said they oppose “the expenditure of public funds to support private and religious school through mechanisms such as tuition vouchers, tax credits and other types of vouchers.”

Organizations who joined the coalition thus far include: AFL-CIO, the American Federation of Teachers, the Bureau for Public Health, Families Leading Change, Our Children Our Future, Parent Action for Wellness, Try This WV, WV Association of School Nurses, WV Association of Elementary/Middle School Principals, WV Association of School Administrators, WV Center for Children’s Justice, WV Council of Administrators of Special Education, WV Education Association, WV Healthy Kids and Families Coalition, WV Kids’ Health Partnership, WV Nurses Association, WV Parent Teacher Association, WV Secondary Schools Activities Commission, WV Statewide After School Network, and the WV Women’s Commission.

Rose Rossana, West Virginia PTA, said the collection of organizations represent over 280,000 West Virginia students. “The West Virginia Coalition for Public Education will stand strong in their efforts to ensure that all children in our state receive the opportunity for a quality public education.”



*Dale Lee, president of the WV Education Association, signs the pledge board on behalf of his organization.*



If you would like West Virginia PTA to come to your school or community and answer questions, or host a workshop, email [takeaction@westvirginiapta.org](mailto:takeaction@westvirginiapta.org). Don't forget, we will provide the refreshments!

### WV PTA ESSA Resources/Contacts

Check out the wonderful resources from National PTA and West Virginia about ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) and the implementation of our federal education law on our state PTA website: [www.westvirginiapta.org](http://www.westvirginiapta.org). Contact any one of our team members today to schedule a workshop at your school!

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