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Following are announcements from the WA State Parent Teacher Association Region 2 (WA State PTA, Region 2), Comprised of Lake Washington PTSA Council, Issaquah PTSA Council, Bellevue PTSA Council, Mercer Island PTSA Council, Riverview PTSA Council, Snoqualmie Valley PTSA Council, promoting the upcoming Candidate Forums on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 for Washington State Legislative candidates of our 5<sup>th</sup>, 41<sup>st</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> legislative districts. These events are open to the public.

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WA State PTA Region 2 presents

# Candidate Forums 2014 – 5<sup>th</sup>, 41<sup>st</sup> and 48th Legislative Districts

Candidates for the Washington State Legislature from these districts will participate in a live discussion on educational and other issues. Please join us for a "last chance" series of forums to help inform your decisions by Election Day on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

## 48<sup>th</sup> Legislative District – Nov. 1st, 2014 at 10:00am

# 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative District – Nov. 1st, 2014 at 12:00pm

### 41<sup>st</sup> Legislative District – Nov. 1st, 2014 at 2:00pm

### Lake Washington School District Resource Center, 16250 NE 74th Street Redmond, WA 98052

(Located in the NW corner of Redmond Town Center at the intersection of Bear Creek Pkwy and 74th Street, just south of Leary Way NE. Ample free parking is available)

Each forum will last for an hour and a half with opportunity for audience questions during that time and networking in the lobby after each session.

All 6 candidates for State Senator and State Representative and in the 48<sup>th</sup> Legislative District have been invited and 5 have accepted. (Bill Hirt has not responded to our invitation)

All 4 candidates for State Representative in the 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative District have been invited and all have accepted.

All 4 candidates for State Representative in the 41<sup>st</sup> Legislative District have been invited and 2 have accepted. (Representative Position No. 1) (Representative Clibborn and Alex O'Neil have not responded to our invitations)

Founded in 1905, the Washington State PTA, is an association of non-partisan, non-profit, 501c(3) organizations. It is the largest volunteer organization in the state, with more than 138,000 members in more than 900 local units across the state.

Our Mission: PTA is

#### A powerful voice for children, A relevant resource for families, schools and communities, and An advocate for the well-being and education of all children.

Voting is a foundation and sign of strong communities. Voting correlates with citizenship, education, income and other kinds of civic health. It takes an active and engaged public to ensure broad representation and public officials responsive to community concerns.

These forums are invaluable opportunities for community members to hear the views of the candidates directly and to thereby make informed decisions on Election Day. Join us in encouraging all parents and the public to participate in strengthening our community through engagement in the civic process.

We respectfully request the audience be seated and ready to begin at 9:55am. WA State PTA President, Heather Gillette, will moderate the structured forums. The forums will conclude by 4:00pm.

Representatives of the local media have been invited to observe.

### Public – All Parents, Staff & Community Welcome

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