**GPA MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the GPA program is to educate, organize and recruit member activists to accomplish the goals of IEA-IPACE through grassroots political action and policy advocacy efforts.

**GPA EXPECTATIONS**

**Organizing Expectations**
- Maintain ongoing recruitment efforts to ensure at least 6 members in your region (GO-Team) are available to assist with various grassroots activities
- Build, update and maintain a list of members interested in legislative and political action
- Communicate regularly with GO-Team and region

**IEA Internal Activities**
- Attend region council meetings to provide a report
- Submit report if unavailable to attend

**IEA Legislative Activities**
- Build a legislative contact program in collaboration with Government Relations (GR)
- Initiate contact with state senator(s) and state representative(s)
- Meet with a legislator at least two times per year
- Attend at least one legislative reception/event (per IPACE/IEA lobbyist invite)
- Commit to act on all IEA Calls to Action
- Conduct a school tour with a legislator

**IEA Political Activities**
- Attend IPACE Candidate Recommendation meetings (when applicable)
- Assist lobbyist with attendance at IPACE Candidate Recommendation meetings
- Participate in election activities including phone banking and canvassing during the campaign season (as determined by GR)
- Conduct at least one school board training

**NEA Activities**
- Sign up as a NEA Cyber Lobbyist
- Conduct at least one NEA Cyber Lobby sign-up event
- Conduct at least one NEA Fund Drive event
GPA ACCOUNTABILITY
The GPA will submit three reports detailing his or her activities and provide an update on additional GO-Team members. Reports will be submitted to his or her Region Chair, UniServ Director, lobbyist and GPA program staff.

✓ Report #1 – Due November 17, 2023
✓ Report #2 – Due February 16, 2024
✓ Report #3 – Due June 14, 2024

GPA TRAINING
We encourage attendance at three training opportunities offered throughout the year. These trainings provide the skills GPAs need to be effective and meet the expectations of the program. Trainings will be held in Springfield.

- Training #1 – August 25-26, 2023 (Kick-Off)
- Training #2 – October 20-21, 2023 (Political Action Training)
- Training #3 – February 9-10, 2024 (Mini-Convention/Legislative Training)

Additional virtual meetings may be added throughout the year.

If a GPA is unable to participate in the scheduled trainings, the GPA must contact his or her Region Chair, UniServ Director, lobbyist and GPA program staff by email.

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