National PTA requests that Congress enact legislation to address our 2022 Hill Asks. The specific appropriation requests and bills outlined below will help to address the health and safety of every child. We call on Congress to enact the funding levels and pieces of legislation as outlined below.

**Invest in Our Nation’s Youth**
- $20 million for the Statewide Family Engagement Centers (SFEC) grant program and $45 million for the Parent Information Centers program to foster meaningful parent and family engagement in their children’s education
- $16.2 billion for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B putting IDEA on a glidepath to full funding and support our nation’s students with disabilities
- $36.5 billion for Title I of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to provide all students, especially those living in low-income households with the support needed to succeed
- $3 billion for the Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants program, Title II, Part A of ESSA to invest in retaining and recruiting teachers, principals, and other school leaders, as well as improving their practice
- $2 billion for the Student Support and Academic Enrichment grant program under Title IV-A of ESSA to provide all students with access to a well-rounded education
- $100 billion in direct grants and $30 billion in bonds for infrastructure improvements to K-12 public school facilities

**Enact Sensible Community Safety & Youth Violence Prevention Measures**
- Break the Cycle of Violence Act (S. 2275, H.R. 4118)
- Bipartisan Background Checks Act (H.R. 8)
- Gun Violence Prevention Research Act (S. 281, H.R. 825)
- School Shooting Safety and Preparedness Act (H.R. 5428)
- Protecting Our Students in Schools Act (S. 2029, H.R. 3836)
- Keeping All Students Safe Act (S. 1858, H.R. 3474)
- Safe Gun Storage Act of 2021 (S.1825, H.R. 3509)
- $375 million for a new Community Violence Intervention Initiative at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- $15 million for CDC’s National Center on Injury Prevention (NCIPC) to support research and prevention of childhood trauma
- $35 million for the CDC and $25 million for the National Institutes of Health to conduct public health research into firearm morbidity and mortality prevention
- $50 million to support research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention through the CDC, consistent with the Gun Violence Prevention Research Act (S.281, H.R.825)
- $30 million for the Department of Justice (DOJ)’s Children Exposed to Violence Initiative
Address the Current Youth Mental Health Crisis

- Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act (S.1811, H.R. 3572)
- Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Act (S.3356, H.R. 6214)
- Safe Schools Improvement Act (S. 2410, H.R. 4402)
- RISE from Trauma Act (S. 2086)
- Family Support Services for Addiction Act (S. 485, H.R. 433)
- $1 billion for school-based mental health supports and services, including School Based Mental Health Services Professionals & School Based Mental Health Services programs
- Robust funding for the Project AWARE grant program, including $25 million for Section 7134 grants to provide mental health education and training to students and school personnel and prevent youth suicide and violence
- $8.3 million for the Interagency Task Force on Trauma-Informed Care through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Improve & Increase Access to the Federal Child Nutrition Programs

- Universal School Meals Program Act (S.1530, H.R.3115)
- School Food Modernization Act (S. 876, H.R.4379)
- Scratch Cooked Meals for Students Act (H.R. 6608)
- Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act (S.2930, H.R. 5526)
- Healthy Meal Time Act (H.R.6526)
- Extend the waiver authority for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) through SY23/23 to continue the appropriate school meal administrative and operational flexibilities that have been in place throughout the COVID-19 pandemic
- Give states the option to implement the Community Eligibility Provision statewide
- Allow all states to conduct Medicaid direct certification
- Extend Summer EBT nationwide for students who receive free or reduced-price school meals to close the summer meal gap
- Provide $500 million for School Kitchen Equipment Grants
- Provide $634 million for a Healthy School Meal Incentives demonstration project