

## **Peekskill CSD PTO Committee Report Form**

**Submission Date:** November 8, 2021

**Month & Year:** November 2021

**Committee:** Advocacy

**Items Requiring a Vote:** None.

**Items Requiring Discussion:** None.

**Items for Information Only:**

- Safe Routes to School. A partnership of PCSD, Peekskill Walks, and the PTO, the coalition continues to meet and plan.
  - Site visits to each school are ongoing on Thursday mornings to observe students entering our schools; debrief meetings follow the visits on Fridays at 3:30 pm. 5 of 6 visits are completed.
    - Uriah Hill: Visit scheduled for Friday, 11/12 (11/11 is Veterans Day).
    - Woodside: completed Thursday, 11/4
    - Oakside: completed Thursday, 10/1
    - Hillcrest: completed Thursday, 10/14
    - Middle School: completed Thursday, 10/21
    - High School: completed Thursday, 10/28
  - A survey about safety to/from school for walkers/bussers/car-transported students is currently being designed. We expect to make it available at November's Saturday Academy.
  - The intention of the coalition is to open up involvement to other parents and students once site visits are accomplished and priorities are established, so that we can make a reasonable plan for action steps this year.
  - Another goal of the coalition is to use this campaign to train students and families in advocacy, civics, local government, etc.
  - We have already identified patterns across the city that impact safety. Once we complete our site visit at Woodside, we will look at all of our data, prioritize these concerns and begin to strategize ways to advocate for safety improvements.
- PNAACP Education Committee. When possible, the advocacy committee continues to attend the PNAACP's monthly education committee meetings led by Amy Perlow and Adriana Frega. These are typically the second Monday of every month at 7:30 pm (via Zoom).
- State Aid. Increased state education funding, Foundation Aid, and the Alliance for Quality Education (AQE).

Our next advocacy meeting will be November 18th at 7 pm.