

Public Policy: How to Influence the Future for Women and Girls

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2023 AAUW WI Convention

Building a Brighter Future Together

Presented by AAUW WI Public Policy Committee

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<https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/policy/>





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Objectives of this Seminar:

- Assist you in locating the AAUW STATE 2022-24 PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT
- Review OUR TOP PRIORTIES for this year
- Assist you in developing an ACTION PLAN TO WORK WITH STATE LEGISLATORS
- Alert you to FUTURE WEBINARS and the LEGISLATOR TOOL KIT
- Answer YOUR QUESTIONS



2022-24 AAUW WI Public Policy Statement Summary

Access the complete version at [AAUW AAUW-WI Public Policy Statement 2022-24 | Wisconsin \(WI\)](#)

AAUW advocates for:

1) preserving a strong system of public education promoting equity, inclusion, and diversity

2) achieving economic self-sufficiency for all women

3) guaranteeing equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society



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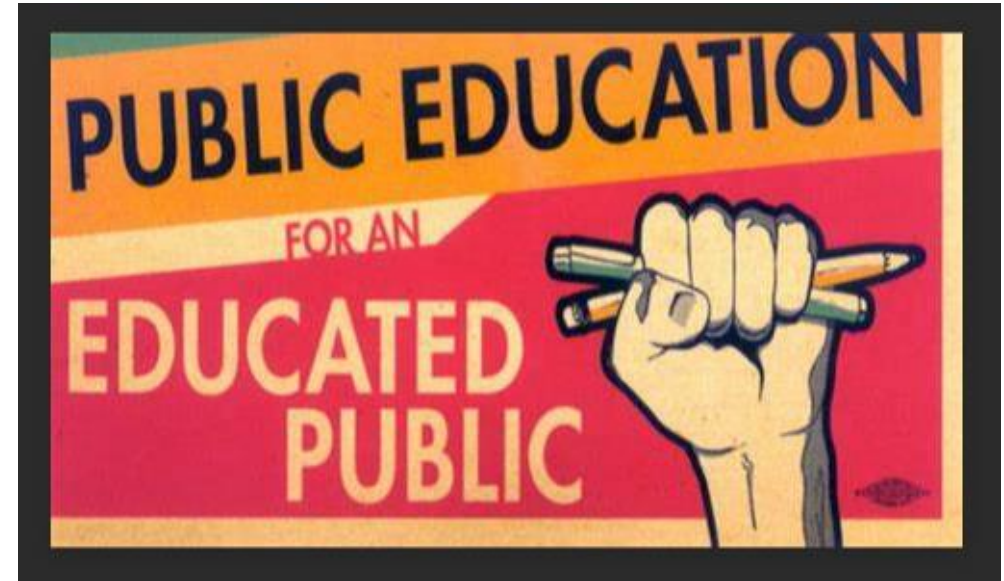
TOP PRIORITIES CONCERNING EDUCATION:

To preserve a strong system of public education promoting equity, inclusion, and diversity, AAUW-WI advocates for:

- **Equitable and adequate funding to promote excellence and quality public education**
- **Opposition to diversions of public funds to non-public elementary and secondary schools, e.g. tuition tax credits, vouchers, etc.**
- **Collaborating Organization Wisconsin Public Education Network (WPEN) Link:**
<https://www.wisconsinnetwork.org/>



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TOP PRIORITIES CONCERNING ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR WOMEN

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW-WI advocates for:

- **Pay equity and fairness in compensation**
- **Programs that empower women by providing them with education, training, and support for success in the workforce, including non-traditional occupations**
- **Public assistance programs for women in poverty that improve access to education, career development, and earning potential**
- **Access to quality, affordable dependent care and adequate family and medical leave**

Collaborating organization WI Alliance for Women's Health Link:

<https://www.supportwomenshealth.org/>



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TOP PRIORITIES CONCERNING EQUALITY, INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW-WI advocates for:

- Increased voter education, voter registration, and candidate development
- Vigorous enforcement of voting rights
- Campaign finance reform that will promote equitable participation and representation
- Vigorous defense and expansion of civil and constitutional rights
- Collaborating Organization Fair Maps Link: [Wisconsin Fair Maps Coalition \(fairmapswi.com\)](http://WisconsinFairMapsCoalition(fairmapswi.com))



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ACTION PLAN: Communicate with Your Legislators



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- Send introduction email or letter
- Call to set up an appointment in your district home office or at the Capitol in person or via Zoom (you may be meeting with intern or staff member)
- Research your legislator and his/her position on issues
- Develop a “cheat sheet” or talking points you wish to emphasize with legislator





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ACTION PLAN: Communicate with Your Legislators CONTINUED



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- Make your “ask”- what is it you want your legislator to do
- Ask legislator if he/she can support this request
- Leave resource materials for legislator
- Reiterate ask before leaving and then thank legislator
- Follow up with an email or letter thanking your legislator for their time and for listening to your perspective





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ACTION PLAN: Communicate with Your Legislators CONTINUED

TOOL KIT



- **Link to AAUW-WI Public Policy Webinars**
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLa5_mEdWkyyc9i46CYUfBWn9N8224Axkw
- **Link to WI Legislature to Research Your Legislators**
[Wisconsin State Legislature Home Page](#)
- **Link to Written Resources Created by Public Policy Committee**
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12Bg1R4nsydVH1gaWZ_GZabAQnOEOyj_k?usp=sharing

You can also reach your legislators by calling the Legislative Hotline. In Madison, dial 266-9960
Toll-free, call 1-800-362-9472



Wrap Up and Future Webinars

- Sign up for Two Minute Activist Link:
<https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>
- Contact members of the AAUW WI Public Policy Committee for further assistance
- Watch for future AAUW WI webinars on our priorities



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Thank you for attending our session!

