

Public Policy:

Defending the Frontline of Democracy

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**Learning never exhausts the mind--
Leonardo De Vinci**

How does "learning" fit in with Defending the Frontline of Democracy? And what does the Frontline of Democracy mean?

According to Google AI, "It is where the battle for democratic integrity is fought daily, involving everything from ballot counting to upholding legal challenges, pointing out disinformation, challenging political pressure and threats. Frontline actors include election officials, local government officials, and legal advocates."

AAUW is a Frontline actor, also. We promote Public Policy "learning" situations to educate the electorate--individuals like yourself--and armed with new knowledge and tools, you, too, can become a defender.

One of our Public Policy Priorities includes the goal of Equal Access to Quality Education. California AAUW Public Policy board has developed a School Board Project Kit to educate members about the recent dismantling of the Department of Education and its effect on K-12 education, four-year colleges, graduate education and research, as well as adult learning opportunities. (See Page 1.)

We can all become Defenders on the Frontline of Democracy promoting equal education opportunities. SO--

Join us at the Frontline by registering for the
Symposium on **Saturday, January 31st, 9 am-12:30 pm.**

Participants will hear a keynote address on the impact of new federal laws and policies on California's protective laws; a panel discussion on how AAUW members can support students, parents, and school board members in the face of challenges and misinformation; and participate in workshops on effectively recruiting school board members and forming collaborations for greater impact. This event is open to the public. The session will be recorded and posted to the AAUW California website after the event.

[Click HERE to Register](#) [Click HERE for the Symposium Agenda](#)

Lobby Days Are Coming

Lobby Days offer an important opportunity for you to meet with legislative offices and advance our priority bills. We encourage all members to participate! In-district (local) meetings will be our primary strategy for Lobby Day 2026.