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National PTA President

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Dear Maryland PTA Leaders,

You may be aware that National PTA notified Maryland PTA that they were out of compliance with the National PTA Standards of Affiliation Policy on May 20, 2020, and placed the state PTA into the Probation Phase of the policy. After numerous communications, Maryland PTA did not meet the requirements provided, and, on August 20, 2020, National PTA made the decision to move the state PTA into the Restructuring Phase and assume direct support of all of the PTAs within Maryland PTA. Following the process outlined by the policy, we have notified the Maryland PTA leadership and, with the support team assigned in May, will now begin working to bring Maryland PTA back into compliance.

National PTA cares about all our members. We have listened to your concerns and requests for National PTA to intercede on your behalf. We thank you for your patience as we have attempted to bring a satisfactory resolution to the matters needing to be addressed. We ask everyone for your continued patience and consideration as we begin supporting the local and council PTAs and members and restoring Maryland PTA to compliance and effective function.

Your work on behalf of all children and PTA is important to us. The assigned support team of people ready to assist you in your efforts. Please use mdpta@pta.org to communicate with the team members. If you prefer to speak to someone directly, please call the National PTA office at 703.518.1261, identify yourself as a Maryland PTA local or council PTA leader, and a support team member will get back to you quickly.

In order to provide the service and support you deserve, National PTA needs to know about you and your PTA. Please use the Google Form found at <https://forms.gle/ygoVHX3rXPzjYEDc7>. If you are unable to use this online form, you can submit the following information to mdpta@pta.org:

- Local or council PTA name and its mailing address
- School name (if a campus PTA)
- Current roster (name, position title, email address, and telephone number) of officers (president, treasurer, secretary, etc.)
- Current copy of the local PTA bylaws

Please be assured that any contact information you provide will be for PTA use only. We do not sell or share contact information. Currently, we must communicate through the council PTA leadership, but we would prefer to communicate with you directly. This information will allow National PTA to keep you informed about submitting dues, conducting meetings, obtaining training, getting important updates, and more.

As the new school year begins, we understand that you will have many questions. The challenges that this pandemic has placed on parents, students, and educators are enormous, but, together, we can make it a very successful year. Volunteers across the nation, like you, are trying to find their “new normal,” and we have several PTA resources to help:

- **COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Resources.** Guidance and resources for every level of PTA can be found at <https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/coronavirus-information>.
- **Local Leader Kit.** Find tools, templates, resources, and training courses to inform your work about our mission and advocacy, membership, programs, events, and more at <https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/local-leader-kit-access>.
- **PTA For Your Child Membership Campaign.** Find new ways to engage and excite new and existing members by making the work of the PTA more visible and highlighting the value and impact of PTA at <https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/membership-campaign>.
- **eLearning.** PTA offers free online courses that cover of topics from Board Basics, Local Unit President, Local Unit Secretary, Local Unit Treasurer, Planning Your PTA, etc. Several of the courses are also in Spanish. Learn more at www.pta.org/elearning.
- **PTA Newsletters.** Stay connect by signing up for one or more of the four newsletters (Local Leader News, PTA Parent, PTA Takes Action, and Leadership Briefing) at www.pta.org/newsletters.

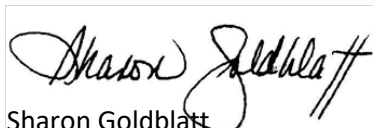
Please understand that, no matter what happens within the current Maryland PTA, we will keep you informed and continue to support you and your efforts.

We thank you for all your do for PTA and for the children in your community. Thank you for remaining true to PTA's mission, which is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. We look forward to working with you to achieve this common goal.

Sincerely,



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