

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Free State PTA: www.fspta.org
National PTA: www.pta.org

It's May and another school year is coming to an end. It's time for elections and transitioning to your new PTA team. It's also time to start planning for your year-end audit.

If your PTA is just coming back into existence, we're here to guide you. Remember to have your old and new officers meet to discuss what went well and what didn't and make some reachable goals for the coming year.

For those coming on board, come to our officer training on June 6. For those leaving office, be sure you're available to help the incoming team and have supplied them with the tools they need to thrive. We also ask you to consider putting your experience and knowledge to good use by joining the Council as an officer or committee chair/member. You're needed.

Since this is my last letter as president, I want to thank all of the board members who've worked so hard to keep the council going. I'm so excited to see Leslie Weber stepping up to be the presiding officer. I leave the council in the most capable hands possible. She has been the true force keeping the council moving forward especially through the pandemic when I was pretty much locked in and during the last year when I was doing double duty as part of the team starting up a new Free State PTA.

Thank you to Andra Broadwater for stepping into Leslie's old role as Secretary. These two roles are the backbone of a well-run PTA.

I wish to thank all of the board members I've worked with in the last two terms. John Ryan, what can I say? I actually met you and your beautiful wife over 20 years ago and

you'll always be family to me. May memories of Marilyn always be a blessing. Emory Young, thank you for working to bring so many PTAs back. Christina, Ryan, Jason, Hope, Will, Nina, Marcie, Hable, Nayab Sue, and Charlie, thank you. I can't forget my travel buddy, Frances. Your support behind the scenes kept me going many a night. Tell Gene we'll get back to Preservation Hall (and Pat O'Brien's) some day.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!! You've truly worked to make every child's potential a reality. I'm still here if you need anything.

Every child. One voice,
Jayne Lee
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PTA COUNCIL LEADERSHIP TRAINING MONDAY, 6/6/22, 7-9PM LOCH RAVEN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

- ⇒ Get ready for summer planning and the 2022-23 school year!
- ⇒ Training for Incoming Officers and Committee Chairs
- ⇒ All are welcome! RSVP by 6/5/22 to president@bcptacouncil.org

Get Your National PTA Local Leader Kit

Find your kit [here](#).

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS**2022-23 Theme:
"Show Your Voice"**

Consider naming a Reflections Chair for the upcoming school year and taking part in this wonderful annual arts appreciation program!

Our March Reflections Ceremony was amazing! We had winners at the Free State PTA level AND at the National PTA level!

Read more about it [here](#).

Website: <https://bcptacouncil.org/resources/reflections/>

Facebook: @bcreflect

Twitter: @bcptareflec

Any questions? Reach out to PTA Council Reflections Chair Hope Metzler at reflections@bcptacouncil.org

**PTA COUNCIL
AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

The application deadlines for both our annual recognition awards and scholarships have closed. Thank you to all who applied! We'll recognize winners at our Leadership Training on June 6 at 7pm at Loch Raven High School

PTA/PTSA Leader's Calendar**MAY**

- PTA Council Virtual Board Meeting, May 5, 7pm
- Delaware PTA consent form due to Free State PTA on 5/13 (had been due 3/31)
- Continue to pay National PTA and Free State PTA dues directly to NPTA (more info [here](#))
- Elect PTA officers for next school year; see your bylaws for correct election month

JUNE

- Bylaws due to Free State PTA by 6/1
- PTA Council Virtual Board Meeting, June 2, 7pm
- PTA Council Leadership Training, June 6, 7pm, Loch Raven High School Cafeteria
- End of PTA fiscal year, close books
- AIM Insurance coverage ends June 30

JULY/AUGUST

- Prepare final report for previous fiscal year
- Plan for financial review, prepare budget
- Choose PTA committee chairs, fill remaining board positions
- Treasurer transition; complete signature cards at PTA's bank
- Send financial review jlee@fspta.org

SEND US YOUR OFFICER CONTACT INFORMATION!

PTA Council and Free State PTA need 2022-23 contact information (name, position, mailing address, phone, email) for every unit's President, VP, Treasurer, and Secretary. Even if it's not an election year for your unit, send the information for officers continuing in their positions. Send your list to secretary@bcptacouncil.org and to Free State PTA at jlee@fspta.org

PTA COUNCIL "OFFICE"

Mail: c/o President Jayne Lee, 2311 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, MD 21209

President: Jayne Lee president@bcptacouncil.org

Secretary: Leslie Weber secretary@bcptacouncil.org

Treasurer: John Ryan treasurer@bcptacouncil.org

Area VPs and Committee Chairs: on website

Website: www.bcptacouncil.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BCPTAC>

**CAN EVERYONE FIND
YOUR UNIT?**

Make sure your PTA/PTSA is on your school's website!

Ask your administration to include information on your unit and officers, including up-to-date contact information!

INSURANCE!

AIM is your insurance carrier. They will email renewal information to units. Insurance is effective 7/1/22 to 7/1/23. Any questions? Contact AIM via <https://aim-companies.com/> or call 1-800-876-4044.

LOOKING FOR LEADERS!

PTA Council is always looking for leaders to join our board. Know of a potential leader who could support our work to support the success of all PTA/PTSA units in BCPS? Or maybe you're that leader?

Let us know by emailing:

president@bcptacouncil.org

FINANCIAL REVIEW

It's best to get your unit's review (audit) done in July or August (after the end of your 6/30 fiscal year but before your first general meeting) so your board can work on its 2022-23 budget.

Select a committee of at least 3 people who do not have check-signing authority.

Your budget should be presented to your members at your first General Meeting.

If you need help with your review, contact us!

PTA COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

We held PTA Council Board of Directors' elections at our April General Meeting. These officers' terms run 7/1/2022 to 6/30/24. Here are the results:

- ⇒ President: Leslie Weber
- ⇒ Vice President for Leadership: Jayne Lee
- ⇒ Treasurer: John Ryan
- ⇒ Secretary: Andra Broadwater
- ⇒ Area Vice President (Central): Christina Pumphrey
- ⇒ Area Vice President (Northeast): vacant
- ⇒ Area Vice President (Northwest): Ryan Coleman
- ⇒ Area Vice President (Southeast): Will Feuer
- ⇒ Area Vice President (Southwest): vacant

STANDARDS OF CONTINUING AFFILIATION (SoCA)

To be in "good standing," you must carry out your legal/fiduciary responsibilities:

- file federal tax return
- file MD Charitable Solicitations Act report
- file MD Personal Property Tax Report
- pay dues to National PTA and Free State PTA
- Submit bylaws to FSPTA by 6/1

CONSENT FORM TO JOIN DELAWARE PTA NOW DUE 5/13

Due to an IRS moratorium, Free State PTA can't currently use a group exemption, so to retain your non-profit status, you must TEMPORARILY be covered by Delaware PTA's group exemption. You'll still be a MD corporation, file all MD tax forms, and have no obligations to DE. Your day-to-day operations won't change.

ALL PRESIDENTS must complete, sign & email to FSPTA the **FORM** found on the FSPTA [website's](#) homepage by 5/13 (had been due 3/31)! Read the [FAQ](#)

VIRTUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS GUIDANCE: Find it [here!](#)

**SAVE THE DATE: JULY 28-31
FREE STATE PTA VIRTUAL CONVENTION**

More details will be available here: <https://www.fspta.org/events>

**FIRE MARSHAL CROWD
MANAGER TRAINING**

Did you know that if your PTA hosts a big event, some volunteers present need to be trained in crowd management? Sign up for this training: <https://crowdmanagers.com>

**UPDATED UNIT BYLAWS
DUE TO FREE STATE PTA BY
JUNE 1**

Download the template at <https://www.fspta.org/bylaws> and ensure that your General Membership votes on them at a properly called General Membership Meeting.

FROM PTA COUNCIL'S ADVOCACY/LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

PTA Council has partnered with the Student Support Network (SSN), a non-profit which supports in-need BCPS students, since SSN's inception. From their newsletter:

"We've been hard at work advocating for our "Road Map to End Hunger in 2022" and have made significant progress! **Governor Hogan recently added \$4.8 million in state funding for Summer SNAP for Children** and the Baltimore County Executive's budget also includes a big increase in funding for Baltimore County kids this year. As a result, more than 10,000 children in the county will receive the \$100 food supplement this year - a significant improvement from last year, when just 450 children received the benefit.

Thank you to the SSN volunteers who provided testimony at every single one of the Baltimore County budget hearings. A special thanks is also in order for the **Baltimore County PTA Council** and NAACP for their support of a fully funded Summer SNAP for Children program. While progress has been made, we continue to advocate for a fully funded program so that all of the more than 60,000 eligible children in very low-income families can participate."

MORE FROM OUR ADVOCACY/LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**National Gun Violence Awareness Day is June 3
Wear Orange Weekend is June 3 to 5**

Orange is the color that Hadiya Pendleton's friends wore in her honor when she was shot and killed in Chicago at the age of 15, just one week after performing at President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade in 2013. After her death, they asked us to stand up, speak out, and **Wear Orange** to raise awareness about gun violence. www.wearorange.org

**NATIONAL PTA CONVENTION
June 14-19 at National Harbor
Meet your U.S. Legislators on "Hill Day" (6/14)**
<https://www.pta.org/home/events/PTA-Conferences-Events>

**BCPS PTA LEADERSHIP/EQUITY SERIES
Monday Nights at 6:30pm**

- ⇒ April 25: Standard 1, Welcoming All Families
- ⇒ May 2: Standard 2, Communicating Effectively
- ⇒ May 9: Standard 3, Supporting Student Success
- ⇒ May 16: Standard 4, Speaking Up For Every Child
- ⇒ May 23: Standard 5, Sharing Power
- ⇒ June 6: Standard 6, Collaborating with the Community

Opportunity for PTA leaders to attend a series of 6 presentations (sign up for any number) that are aligned with and supported by the National PTA Standards to help with the process of building successful partnerships to increase involvement and its impact.

Register: <https://ptaleadership.eventbrite.com>

**FROM PTA COUNCIL'S HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
SCHOOL SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WITH BCPS**

Chair Andra Broadwater health@bcptacouncil.org

- ⇒ **Our 4/28 General Meeting focused on School Safety.** Our engaging and knowledgeable speakers from BCPS, BCPD, and the County Health Department shared so much important information with us. It's been posted [here](#):
- ⇒ **PTA Council recently accepted the following request:**

“Dear PTA Council,

Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) is committed to providing safe and supportive learning environments for all students. The district continues to take proactive measures that help build positive school climates and ensure student and staff safety. This critical work requires collaboration across the system and partnerships with all Team BCPS students, parents/guardians, staff, and the greater community.

As a valued partner, BCPS is asking for a commitment from Baltimore County PTA Council to continue to work with us to provide a positive presence in schools to help foster relationships with students which is essential in providing environments that children need to be successful life-long learners and productive citizens in our community.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and support.”

- ⇒ **Toolkits for PTA Leaders:** The BCPS Office of Family Engagement has developed toolkits for PTA leaders to share information with families:

[PTA Leader Toolkits](#)

[What Families Need to Know about Social-Emotional Resources](#)

[Messages for PTA Publications](#)

- ⇒ **4/6/22 School Safety Message from Superintendent Dr. Williams: Read it [here](#).**