

Greetings from Kansas State PTA President

It is amazing that all you have to do is blink and the calendar and school year moves from August to March. March is the month of Spring Break and the minute you return it will be carnivals, finals, yearbooks, and graduation. But during all of that, I hope that you will take a day or two for you and your PTA and invest your time into our Annual Convention. I hope you have received your Call to Convention or looked at it on kansas-pta.org. Please take those few minutes to check out this year's workshops, speakers, and opportunities for networking.

In the span of one weekend you can find out more about parliamentary procedures, working with your child's teacher, homework, being a better parent, wellness impact committees, hiding places for drugs in a child's room, leadership, today's safety concerns, local control, finding new officers, cyber bullying and that is only half of the choices of workshops available. We will be celebrating our Reflections and Citizenship winning students; you'll have time with our Past Presidents; you can receive your membership awards; bid on great auction items; and you will have time to visit vendors and ask questions of many of our workshop presenters and Kansas PTA Officers and Chairs.

Take a break! Come get energized! See you in Topeka!

~ Denise Sultz

Dairy Nutrition Education Mini Grant Opportunity **Application deadline April 1st**

Healthy eating is important for families. Midwest Dairy Council is excited to offer 36 (likely 4 per state) – \$200 dairy nutrition education mini grants for Registered Dietitian Nutritionists, schools nutrition professionals, chefs, dietetic interns, or university extension nutritionists. This mini grant is intended to help educate families utilizing emergency food assistance about how to incorporate dairy foods into a healthy well balanced meal or snack to boost nutrition. The mini grant award of \$200 will be used to educate clients and families in a Feeding America affiliated food bank or food pantry setting by providing nutrition education and conducting a food demonstration preparing a low cost, minimal ingredient recipe which includes dairy (cow's milk, cheese, or yogurt) as an ingredient. The presentation will be completed between June 1st and September 30th. Applicants must reside in one of the following states to be eligible: Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota. [Click here](#) to learn more, apply, and make a difference in your local community. Applications are due April 1, 2016.

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Purple Out!

Join us by wearing purple on Friday April 15th to show your support for Military children

PARTNERSHIPS ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO THE IMPACT ON THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND SCHOOLS. Our relationships allow us all to operate and succeed as a team. Thank you for your commitment and support. Below are the latest Midwest Dairy Council news highlights. If you want to jump to an article, just click on one of the three headlines directly below.

- * [Learn How the NFL and Fuel Up to Play 60 Help Kids Stay Healthy](#): Learn how the NFL and Fuel Up to Play 60 help kids stay healthy and encourage others by sharing or embedding this video, [#FuelGreatness with Fuel Up to Play 60](#) within your network, in presentations, on your website(s) and/or posting it on your social media platforms.
- * [USDA, NFL, America's Dairy Farmers & Fuel Up to Play 60 Partner to Award \\$35 Million to Help Schools Serve Healthier Meals, Strengthen Childhood Nutrition](#): Through this collaborative effort, schools can apply for funds through USDA state agencies, or through the [Fuel Up to Play 60 website](#). If funding needs are \$5,000 or less the funding deadline is June 30, 2016. For funding needs greater than \$5,000 it is a rolling deadline, please follow up directly with Midwest Dairy Council or Child Nutrition and Wellness, Kansas State Department of Education. If you want more information please direct your questions to Midwest Dairy Council, msugar@midwestdairy.com
- * [2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans: Three Servings of Low-fat and Fat-free Dairy Essential Each Day](#): Check out these [healthy recipes for the entire family](#). Here are additional resources to help you understand how milk, cheese and yogurt can fit into healthy meals:
 - [Science Summaries](#) – learn more about the science that support's dairy's health benefits including [blood pressure](#), [cardiovascular disease](#) and [Type 2 Diabetes](#).
 - [3 Servings of Milk Delivers a Unique Nutrient Package](#) – See how milk's unique nutrient package may be difficult to replace in a healthy diet.



Midwest Dairy Council would value your support in sharing three servings of low-fat and fat-free dairy foods each day as an essential part of healthy eating. Please share the *DairyGood* blog post [Dairy in the New Dietary Guidelines](#) with your social media networks.

What Should PTA Say Online?

What should PTAs be posting, blogging and sharing online? What topics should they never post about?

During this political season, it is important to remember the guidelines that a PTA must follow in order to maintain its not-for-profit status with the IRS. When posting on social media or in newsletters on behalf of your PTA, you need to be careful to refrain from commenting on specific candidates. You are permitted to talk about specific issues, rally members to register to vote and inform members regarding all candidate's voting records and any questionnaires that candidates might have filled out.

It is important that as a PTA you remain non-partisan in all communication coming from your unit or from you in your position as a PTA leader. Of course, you are permitted to express whatever opinion you like if you are speaking for yourself only.

Outside of political matters National PTA provides insight on proper online etiquette.

From National PTA Social Media Policy, Updated January 2015

Have something to say: Having ideas is perhaps the most powerful thing you can learn to do on social media. Talking about your ideas in a public forum forces ideas to grow, evolve and get better. Ideas matter.

Stand on the shoulders of giants: The internet and social media means having access to literally millions of other ideas; read them, use them, and be informed by them. However, in

~ KS PTA Communications Chair, Mia Wooldridge

process of gaining ideas and information from others, it is most critical to give people credit when influenced by them! Not Social Media Policy only is stealing other people's ideas, words and images a form of academic dishonesty, it is wrong and could lead to problems later. To avoid any unintended issues, provide a link to the original content and use the author's name and/or organization whenever possible.

Share your opinion: Remember, what you have to say matters. Read the work of others and let them know what you think! When sharing your ideas, commenting on others, and posting content, always keep it clean, professional and respectful. Use common language that would be acceptable in a public forum, such as a school meeting (the same general rule goes for images, audio and video). Disagreements are central to growing ideas, but do not attack anyone personally.

Be consistent: Be sure to maintain consistency throughout posts regardless of the social media platform.

Be safe: Do not publicly post anything you would not tell a stranger on the street. Opinions and ideas belong in a public forum; however, passwords, home addresses and phone numbers do not.

Get more great information in the full Policy at <http://www.ptakit.org/UploadedDocuments/2015BTSWebsite/Communications/additional-Resources/Social-Media-Policy-Jan2015.pdf> and also here <http://www.ptakit.org/Communications/Social-Media/Social-Media.aspx>



Start Planning Now to put your school on the National PTA School of Excellence map for the 2016-17 School Year!

The National PTA School of Excellence program is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTA's and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.

By participating in this program, your PTA and school will gain new ways to engage families in school decision making, such as improvements to programs, practices, and policies related to education, health, safety or the arts.

As a **National PTA School of Excellence**, families feel welcomed and empowered to support student success, and PTA is a key partner for continuous school improvement.

The path to excellence starts with a joint commitment of PTA and school leaders to work together to achieve PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships.

School Principals see the Value and Benefit of becoming a School of Excellence:

"Participating in the National PTA School of Excellence fostered collaboration between the Shawnee Mission East Administration, PTA and school community. Through the process we gained insight into our strengths and were able to focus on areas we needed to improve. The two tiered survey process allowed parents a formal process to voice their thoughts about the school and PTA and highlighted areas we improved on over the course of the school year. It was a great tool for reflection and action. As a building principal, working with our community, students, and the PTA throughout the School of Excellence process strengthened our resolve to make Shawnee Mission East the best school it can possibly be. I would highly encourage any school to pursue the challenging but incredibly rewarding task of becoming a National PTA School of Excellence.

John McKinney, Shawnee Mission East H.S. Principal

"Going through the process of becoming a National PTA School of Excellence has been extremely beneficial for students and parents. Parents are the first and most important teachers in their children's lives, and working together with the school for the benefit of the kids is what we are all about. We have made improvements on our playground which helps keep our kids physically active and healthy. In addition we purchased Kindles for the library that have been very popular. Motivating kids to read is one of the most important things we can do to promote literacy, and we were successful in doing so. The process helped us to identify common goals and set a timeline to meet them. When we were successful, we all felt a sense of pride in our accomplishment and the kids were the real winners.

Sarah Pike, Francis Willard Elementary School Principal

If you've not participated in the School of Excellence Program, **now** is the perfect time to start planning!

Now is the time to talk to your PTA leaders, your Principal and your families about participating. By enrolling early you will have more time to survey your school community and starting working on your goals.

Things you can do now so you are prepared to enroll:

- * Determine that your school community wants to participate.
- * Before you enroll, determine who will be on your School of Excellence committee (your committee should reflect your school community).
- * Before you enroll determine how to best survey your school's families and the best time for doing that (once you enroll you will receive access to surveys for your school Principal and your school's families).
- * During the online enrollment you will need demographic information about your school community which can be obtained from your school's administration.

National PTA will open enrollment at PTA.org/Excellence April 1st, 2016. It will remain open until October 1st. Once enrolled, you will receive the "Getting Started Guide," which describes program components, including your first steps to gather feedback from families and set goals with your school partner.

If you enroll in April, you will have time to survey your school community, submit those results and your goal and objective early to National PTA and be ready to implement your programs when the new school year starts. **For more information, go to PTA.org/Excellence — Start Planning Today!** ~ Patty Jurich, Family Engagement Chairman

From the Early Childhood Education Chair, Julie Howard:

Spring is in the air!! With warmer weather you will want to venture outside, remember even the little ones need sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15, a hat and sunglasses are also a good idea. Keep every one hydrated, drink lots of water!! **Communication tip:** Avoid saying, Don't touch, try saying, Look with your eyes. Keep your hands down. A positive acknowledgement could be: You were really listening, you are looking with your eyes! You kept your hands down. That is respectful.



2016-2017 Kansas PTA Legislative Platform and Priorities

To be adopted by the 2016 KS PTA Convention Delegates

Kansas PTA Legislative PLATFORM

EDUCATION—

The Kansas PTA will recommend, initiate and support legislation and appropriation for public schools that will ensure all children and youth in Kansas a high quality, adequately funded education. Recognizing that quality education for children is directly related to the effectiveness and efficiency of school personnel, the Kansas PTA will recommend, initiate and support legislation and appropriations to encourage, recognize and provide incentives for school personnel that will improve and benefit the education of children and youth in Kansas. The Kansas PTA recognizes no education system can be of the highest quality without the support, involvement and cooperation of parents, caregivers, legislators and the community.

HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY—

The Kansas PTA will support legislation and appropriations that safeguard and/or related to the health and safety of children and youth.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—

Kansas PTA will support high-quality early childhood education programs that are affordable and accessible, characterized by high standards for teaching, training, health and safety and incorporate strong family engagement components.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES—

1. Kansas PTA will support efforts to strengthen and improve the Kansas public school finance system, which includes legislation and policies that:
 - a. uphold the state's constitutional obligations to make suitable provision for the finance of the Kansas public schools, achieving both equitable and adequate funding, as informed by actual costs and other credible non-partisan sources.
 - b. pursue solutions to fully fund state and federal educational mandates, including special education, without disproportionately shifting the burden to local communities.
2. Kansas PTA will support efforts to restore an equitable and balanced tax policy to maintain a reliable revenue stream for public education. A policy which draws upon a combination of income, property and sales taxes has been proven by history to be a secure and sustainable approach.
3. Kansas PTA will support efforts to preserve the Kansas Constitutional infrastructure for education, including nonpartisan elections of Kansas school board members and their appointment of our Education Commissioner, as well as, retaining the primary responsibility of defining the Rose Capacities and the phrase 'intellectual, educational, vocational and scientific improvement' with the education governance structure (Kansas School Board, Kansas Department of Education, education scholars and practitioners).
4. Kansas PTA supports the State Board of Education's routine review, revision and adoption of state education standards, including the College and Career Ready Standards (derived from the Common Core States Standards Initiative) and the Next Generation Science Standards. Kansas PTA opposes legislation that would ban or defund the education standards as approved by our freely elected, non-partisan members of the State Board of Education.
5. Kansas PTA supports a change in policy so that computer science courses in high school may be counted to meet a math or science course requirement. Currently, those classes count as elective credits.
6. Kansas PTA opposes the use of vouchers, scholarships, or tax credits toward the tuition of non-public schools, with the authority to discriminate in admissions, provide sectarian religious instruction and operate under different rules than public schools.
7. Kansas PTA will advocate for evidence-based prevention and early intervention programs ranging from comprehensive early childhood programs, funding for all-day kindergarten, to student engagement programs that reduce dropout rates and increase school completion.
8. While Kansas PTA supports the current state charter legislation, passed in 1994, that allows for the creation of charter schools under the supervision of local boards of education, Kansas PTA opposes any charter related legislation that: allows for non-licensed teachers or allows for authorizing entities that are for-profit, private or non-education.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES (continued) -

9. Kansas PTA supports restoration and allocation of state funding for teacher mentoring, staff development and other evidenced-based programs and policies that promote a professional teaching community, teacher retention and recruitment of quality teachers.

10. Kansas PTA supports programming and policies related to safe routes to school, bully prevention, and the protection of children from gun violence.

11. Kansas PTA recognizes the value of collecting student data to support educational outcomes and thus will advocate that data collectors be transparent and engaged with families on the development, implementation and notification about policies and procedures related to the privacy and protection of student data; and, allow for parents and families to retain the right to review and request corrections of their child(ren)'s education records or profiles.

12. Kansas PTA will encourage the adoption of PTA family engagement standards into relevant legislation and policy.

Publication of the Kansas PTA Advocacy Leadership (2016-2017)

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School boards increase hiring of teachers, reduce administrative personnel

A new [report](#) released today by the Kansas Association of School Boards shows that Kansas school districts have added almost 4,000 teaching positions since 1998, an increase of nearly 13 percent, or four times the rate of student growth. Over the same period, districts have reduced the number of superintendents by nearly 7 percent and principals by 6 percent.

That has allowed districts to reduce class size and add teachers for special education, kindergarten and early childhood programs, and other special services. In fact, Kansas now has one of the lowest pupil to teacher ratios in the nation.

Those facts cast a different light on recent statements from the Kansas Policy Institute and some legislators claiming that school administrative salaries have skyrocketed at the expense of teachers and classroom instruction.

For example, a blog by KPI said that in Kansas “pay raises to superintendents and principals far outpace those to teachers.”

It also questioned the priorities of local school boards “when pay increases are disproportionately higher to those who are not in the classroom.”

At KASB, we advocate on behalf of local schools boards, so we decided to take a comprehensive look into the issue.

What we found is that the data are more complex and provide a different picture than what has been alleged.

Our Research Specialist, Ted Carter, went as far back as he could to where he thought data could be reliably compared; back to the 1997-98 school year up to the present.

Carter found that during that period, principals had an average cumulative pay increase of 58.01 percent; superintendents 57.52 percent and teachers, 50.06 percent.

But does that indicate school boards are sacrificing classroom instruction to heap money on principals and superintendents? Let's look a bit closer.

Since 1998, the number of teachers has increased 13 percent while districts have reduced the number of principals by 6 percent and superintendents by nearly 7 percent. That means school boards have been putting more instructional staff in front of students to provide more individualized attention, exactly the opposite of what has been implied.

The increased number of teachers and decreased number of administrators shows up in the total amount that school boards spend on salaries.

For teachers, the salary amount has increased 70 percent, while for principals, 48 percent and superintendents, 43 percent.

These facts may also explain why the average salary of a principal and superintendent has increased a little more than the average teacher's salary: Administrators are supervising more people. The average number of teachers and students per principal and superintendent has increased significantly, while the average number of students per teacher has decreased.

In addition, many additional teachers hired during the period may be new to the profession, and receive lower salaries than returning teachers.

This reduces the overall average, but doesn't reflect how local boards are compensating experienced educators who remain in the classroom.

This salary and workforce data shows school boards have been reducing the number of administrators in order to hire more teachers and paraprofessionals, which in turn reduces the ratio of students per teacher. Does that sound like a commitment to try to help every student succeed? We think it does.

According to the most recent data, on 14 measures of student success, only 7 states had better performance on a majority of those measures.

All seven provided more total funding per pupil than Kansas. In fact, 26 states spend more per pupil than Kansas.

Instead of criticizing local school boards, we think they deserve praise for doing exactly what is needed to be good stewards of taxpayer funds and provide an outstanding product — Kansas public schools.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

By direction of the Bylaws Committee I recommend:

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES

Section 1, striking the date July 1st and revising the date to June 1st.

Current Wording: When there is only one nominee for an office, the nominee shall be declared elected by presiding officer. Officers shall assume the duties of their office ~~July 1st~~.

Suggested Wording: When there is only one nominee for an office, the nominee shall be declared elected by *the* presiding officer. Officers shall assume the duties of their office *June 1st*.

Section 2b, striking the words "or be a past President of a local PTA or PTSA, or council"

Current Wording: B) A member of the Board of Managers of the Kansas PTA for at least two years; ~~or be a past President of a local PTA or PTSA, or council.~~

Suggested Wording: *A member of the Board of Managers of the Kansas PTA for at least two years.*

Section 9f striking the word 'Conference' and replacing it with 'Committee':

Current Wording: To coordinate the activities of the Legislative ~~Conference~~.

Suggested Wording: To coordinate the activities of the Legislative *Committee*.

Section 12, striking July 1 and inserting June 1

Current Wording: Committee members shall assume duties on ~~July 1~~.

Suggested Wording: Committee members shall assume duties on June 1.

Section 14, adding the words "except the office of President Elect" and adding the new paragraph.

Current Wording: The Board of Managers shall fill a vacancy occurring in any office for the un-expired term. The President may fill any vacancy temporarily, until the next board meeting. A majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to fill a vacancy.

Suggested Wording: The Board of Managers shall fill a vacancy occurring in any office, *except the office of President Elect* for the un-expired term. The President may fill any vacancy temporarily, until the next board meeting. A majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to fill a vacancy.

Suggested Paragraph: If a vacancy in the office of President-Elect occurs, the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee will reconvene their work and select a new nominee for the position of President-Elect. When the new nominee is selected the chairman of the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee will notify the Secretary of Kansas PTA. The Secretary will send the nomination information to the Board of Managers and membership. The new nominee for President Elect will be elected at the next convention by the voting body. In the interim, duties of the President Elect will be delegated by the President. Article VI Section 6 spells out the process of election of President Elect in detail.

ARTICLE VII: Regional Field Service Representatives, Their Election and Duties

Section 1, adding the sentence: There shall be only one person to serve as Field Service Representative (FSR) for each region of Kansas PTA.

Current Wording: Region Field Service Representatives shall be elected by majority vote of the region members present at Convention in odd years for a two (2) year term. Field Service Representatives are eligible for two consecutive terms of office. If a vacancy should occur during the term or if no Field Service Representative is elected, the Kansas PTA President, with approval of the Executive Committee, may fill that vacancy regardless of terms previously served.

Suggested Wording: Region Field Service Representatives shall be elected by majority vote of the region members present at Convention in odd years for a two (2) year term. Field Service Representatives are eligible for two consecutive terms of office. If a vacancy should occur during the term or if no Field Service Representative is elected, the Kansas PTA President, with approval of the Executive Committee, may fill that vacancy regardless of terms previously served. *There shall be only one person to serve as Field Service Representative (FSR) for each region of Kansas PTA.*

Section 2, striking the current wording and replacing it with suggested wording.

Current Wording: ~~Experienced in PTA work, such as serving as a unit President, Council President, or in other offices or chairmanships.~~

Suggested Wording: Served at least one full term on the Kansas PTA Board of Managers or served as a Unit President and/or Council President.

Section 3 striking the July 1st date and replacing it with June 1st.

Current Wording: Regional Field Service Representatives shall assume their duties ~~July 1st~~, or immediately after appointment if it occurs during the current term.

Suggested Wording: Regional Field Service Representatives shall assume their duties *June 1st*, or immediately after appointment if it occurs during the current term.

ARTICLE VII: Section 6 deletion.

Current Wording: A Regional Field Service Representative may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the board members then in office. The request must be received in writing and come from the Executive Committee or at least ten members of the Board of Managers. Notice of the intended vote must be sent to all Board members at least ten days in advance of the meeting.

Suggested Wording: ~~A Regional Field Service Representative may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the board members then in office. The request must be received in writing and come from the Executive Committee or at least ten members of the Board of Managers. Notice of the intended vote must be sent to all Board members at least ten days in advance of the meeting.~~

ARTICLE VIII: REGIONS OF THE KANSAS PTA**Deleting Section 3 b.**

Current Wording: Each Regional Field Service Representative shall appoint a PTA advisor in each county of their region whenever possible. The Executive Committee if requested by Regional Field Service Representative may remove a PTA advisor for cause at any time.

Suggested Wording: ~~Each Regional Field Service Representative shall appoint a PTA advisor in each county of their region whenever possible. The Executive Committee if requested by Regional Field Service Representative may remove a PTA advisor for cause at any time.~~

ARTICLE XI: CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS**Deleting Section 5.**

Current Wording: Each constituent association shall include in its bylaws provisions corresponding to the National PTA Bylaws as are identified herein by a double star-

Suggested Wording: ~~Each constituent association shall include in its bylaws provisions corresponding to the National PTA Bylaws as are identified herein by a double star-~~

Section 6 to strike the words “correspondingly the bylaws of each constituent association” and add “Kansas PTA Uniform Unit Bylaws as this will be done at the state level”.

Current Wording: The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the National PTA Bylaws identified by a double star shall serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by the constituent association to amend ~~correspondingly the bylaws of each constituent association~~

Suggested Wording: The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the National PTA Bylaws identified by a double star shall serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by the constituent association to amend the Kansas PTA Uniform Unit Bylaws as this will be done at the state level.

Section 7 to strike the words – “adopt such bylaws for the government of the association. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws or Kansas PTA bylaws. Such bylaws shall include an article on amendments and shall include a provision establishing a quorum”.

Current Wording: Each constituent association shall ~~adopt such bylaws for the government of the association. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws or Kansas PTA bylaws. Such bylaws shall include an article on amendments and shall include a provision establishing a quorum.~~

Suggested Wording: Each constituent association shall adopt and operate under the Kansas PTA Uniform Unit Bylaws and/or Kansas PTA Council Bylaws

Section 8 striking the words “of a” before local and striking the words “within its area” and inserting in “which they serve”.

Current Wording: Each officer or board member of a constituent association shall be a member of a local PTA within its area.

Suggested Wording: Each officer or board member of a constituent association shall be a member of the local PTA in which they serve.

Section 6 to delete the words one dollar and twenty five cents (\$1.25) per annum and replacing them with the amount to be determined by Kansas PTA.

Current Wording: The state portion of each member’s dues shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per annum.

Suggested Wording: The state portion of each member’s dues shall be the amount to be determined by Kansas PTA.

Article XII;

Section 8 striking \$20.00 and inserting after fee – determined by the Kansas PTA Board of Managers.

Current Wording: The payment of a \$20.00 one-time fee entitles an individual to an Honorary State Life Membership. State life members shall be honorary members, and shall not have the right to vote or to hold office in the Kansas PTA unless they pay dues to a local PTA or PTSA. All money received for Honorary State Life Memberships shall be made a part of the Future-Teacher Scholarship Fund and Teacher-Graduate Study In Education Fund.

Suggested Wording: The payment of a one-time fee *determined by the Kansas PTA Board of Managers* entitles an individual to an Honorary State Life Membership. State life members shall be honorary members, and shall not have the right to vote or to hold office in the Kansas PTA unless they pay dues to a local PTA or PTSA. All money received for Honorary State Life Memberships shall be made a part of the Future-Teacher Scholarship Fund and Teacher-Graduate Study In Education Fund.

~ Proposed Bylaws Continued

Article XII: Section 9, adding “and any other information requested by Kansas PTA after President and striking the last sentence,” All dues shall be in the state office on or before March 1, in order to be counted in the report to the National PTA for the current year and inserting “and any other information requested by Kansas PTA”.

Current Wording: All local PTAs or PTSAs shall remit state and national dues to the Kansas PTA monthly accompanied by a statement giving the name of the association and the name and address of the President. ~~All dues shall be in the state office on or before March 1, in order to be counted in the report to the National PTA for the current year~~

Suggested Wording: All local PTAs or PTSAs shall remit state and national dues to the Kansas PTA monthly accompanied by a statement giving the name of the association and the name and address of the President **and any other information requested by Kansas PTA.**

Section 10 striking April 1 and inserting June 1 and striking March 30 and inserting June 30

Current Wording: The membership year for Kansas PTA and all local units shall be April 1 through March 30, inclusive.

Suggested Wording: The membership year for Kansas PTA and all local units shall be July 1 through June 30, inclusive.

Article XIII: Local PTAs/PTSAs

Section 1, striking the words “in the area in which the local PTA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations and as the Kansas PTA may in its bylaws prescribe” and adding the words “or the Kansas PTA Bylaws after National PTA Bylaws.

Current Wording: Local PTAs shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Kansas PTA, ~~in the area in which the local PTA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations,~~ not in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws, ~~as the Kansas PTA may in its bylaws prescribe.~~ The Kansas PTA shall issue to each local PTA in its area an appropriate charter evidencing the due association and good standing of the local PTA.

Suggested Wording: Local PTAs shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Kansas PTA, not in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws **or the Kansas PTA Bylaws.** The Kansas PTA shall issue to each local PTA in its area an appropriate charter evidencing the due association and good standing of the local PTA.

Section XIII adding a new d “Submits new officer form to the Kansas PTA annually;” and a new g: “Submits a copy of the unit’s membership roster to Kansas PTA upon request;” adding “extension paperwork of each year to e. and striking January in e and replacing it with November.

Current Wording:

- a. Adheres to the purposes and basic policies of the PTA;
- b. Remits the national portion of the dues through the State PTA to reach the national office by dates designated by the National PTA;
- c. Maintains current uniform bylaws on file according to the procedures of each state;
- d. Submits a copy of the unit’s completed federal form 990 for the last fiscal year, as required by the IRS, to the Kansas PTA office by ~~January~~ 15th each year;
- e. Submits a copy of the unit’s completed annual fiscal audit, as required by National PTA, to the Kansas PTA Office by the date determined by Kansas PTA;
- f. Meets other criteria as may be prescribed by the individual state PTA.

Suggested Wording:

- a. Adheres to the purposes and basic policies of the PTA;
- b. Remits the national portion of the dues through the State PTA to reach the national office by dates designated by the National PTA;
- c. Maintains current uniform bylaws on file according to the procedures of each state;
- d. Submits new officer form to the Kansas PTA annually;
- e. Submits a copy of the unit’s completed federal form 990 for the last fiscal year or an electronic acceptance receipt from the IRS by November 15th. If extension paperwork is filed with the IRS a copy should be sent to Kansas PTA by November 15th and a completed copy of the 990 must be sent to Kansas PTA immediately upon filing;
- f. Submits a copy of the unit’s completed annual fiscal audit, as required by National PTA, to the Kansas PTA Office by the date determined by Kansas PTA;
- g. Submits a copy of the unit’s membership roster to Kansas PTA;
- h. Meets other criteria as may be prescribed by the individual state

Article XIV: Conventions

Striking the words “A regular” and inserting the words “An annual”

Current Wording: ~~A regular~~ convention of the Kansas PTA shall be held, the place and the date to be set by the Executive Committee.

Suggested Wording: An annual convention of the Kansas PTA shall be held, the place and the date to be set by the Executive Committee.

Section 2 and 4

Striking both entire sections and replacing them with the suggested wording.

Current Wording: ~~Section 2. Each local PTA or PTSA shall be entitled to be represented at the convention of the Kansas PTA by its President, or alternate who shall be elected by the local PTA or PTSA, and by one delegate or alternate for every twenty five (25) members or major fraction thereof in good standing as shown on the books of the State Treasurer as of March 1st. Each delegate will be required to present their current membership card and identification card for convention credentials. This provision of date shall not apply to local PTAs/PTSAs so organized less than six (6) months prior to the date of the state convention.~~

Article XIV: Conventions : (continued): Section 2 and 4, Striking both entire sections and replacing them with the suggested wording.

Current Wording: ~~Section 4.~~ The convention of the Kansas PTA shall be open to all members of the Kansas PTA, but the privilege of making motions and nominations, debating and voting shall be limited to the accredited representatives from each local PTA or PTSA, President or alternate of Councils and members of the State Board of Managers. A voting member shall have but one vote.

Suggested Wording: The Kansas PTA convention is open to all members of Kansas PTA. The voting body of the annual convention shall be composed of the local unit President of each constituent association of Kansas PTA and any Kansas PTA members registered for convention and verified as members by the Kansas PTA state office. The privilege of making motions and nominations, debating and voting shall be limited to the members verified by the state office. A voting member shall have but one vote. No proxy voting will be allowed.

Section 5**Striking the word Fifty and inserting the words Thirty five (35)**

Current Wording: Fifty (50) voting members shall constitute a quorum

Suggested Wording: Thirty Five (35) voting members shall constitute a quorum.

Article XIX: Electronic Technology/Procedural Integrity**Section 1: Striking in its entirety and renumbering the entire section.**

Current Wording: Computer technology has made it possible for the Kansas PTA state office to provide on line network information to the Board of Managers, units, councils, members and others.

Suggested Wording: **Section 1.** The Kansas PTA or any local unit or council shall not place Kansas PTA Bylaws, uniform unit or uniform council bylaws or standing rules on a website. **Section 2.** The Kansas PTA will make every effort to ensure the website information is free from outside tampering so as to protect the integrity of the information and will alert users when breaches of security are identified. **Section 3.** Use of the Kansas PTA trade name and seal on a website is limited to use by the Kansas PTA. **Section 4.** The Kansas PTA will make every effort to ensure web pages are accurate but assume no liability for errors or omissions.

Article XXI**Section 2: Striking the words bylaws approved by a person or committee designated by the Executive Committee of the Kansas PTA and inserting the words by the Uniform Council Bylaws of Kansas PTA.**

Current Wording: Councils may be organized in cities, counties or unified school districts where there are three (3) or more units in membership. Only local PTAs or PTSAs shall be members of a Council. Councils shall be governed by ~~bylaws approved by a person or committee designated by the Executive Committee of the Kansas PTA.~~ Councils shall not legislate for local PTAs or PTSAs.

Suggested Wording: Councils may be organized in cities, counties or unified school districts where there are three (3) or more units in membership. Only local PTAs or PTSAs shall be members of a Council. ***Councils shall be governed by the Uniform Council Bylaws of Kansas PTA.*** Councils shall not legislate for local PTAs or PTSAs.

Article XXVI: Amendments**Striking the words "mailed" and insert "electronically provided" after and in the second sentence. We also recommend striking the words five (5) and inserting two (2) in the last sentence.**

Current Wording: These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual convention provided a committee on bylaws and the Board of Managers has approved the proposed amendments. All proposed amendments must be printed in at least one issue of the Kansas PTA Bulletin prior to the convention and ~~mailed~~ to each local Unit and Council President, and each member of the State Board of Managers. Proposed amendments to the bylaws which are not approved by the Board of Managers and which are not in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws, shall be brought to the convention body as official business if at least ~~five (5)~~ regions in regular regional meetings have voted to submit such amendments to the convention.

Suggested Wording: **Section 1.** These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual convention provided a committee on bylaws and the Board of Managers has approved the proposed amendments. All proposed amendments must be printed in at least one issue of the Kansas PTA Bulletin prior to the convention and ***electronically provided*** to each local Unit and Council President, and each member of the State Board of Managers. Proposed amendments to the bylaws which are not approved by the Board of Managers and which are not in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws, shall be brought to the convention body as official business if at least ***three (3) regions*** in regular regional meetings have voted to submit such amendments to the convention.

Recommend adding Section 5: Updated bylaws shall be given to the Board of Managers, Units and Councils within 60 days following the close of the annual Kansas PTA convention.

Suggested Wording: Updated bylaws shall be given to the Kansas PTA Board of Managers, Councils and Units within 30 days following the close of the annual Kansas PTA Convention.



MEMBERSHIP CONTEST WINNERS

Teachers/Staff Members: **Forest View Elementary**, Olathe School District—\$20 gift certificate for PTA Store

Male Membership: **Christa McAuliffe Elementary**, Shawnee Mission School District—1 free registration to Convention

Community Members: **Oak Grove Elementary**, Turner School District—\$20 Gift Certificate for PTA Store & 1

free Convention Reg.

Grand Prize: **Stony Point South**, Kansas City School District—2 free Convention registrations,, 1 free night at the Convention Hotel, 2 free Convention Meals for 2 attendees

Congratulations to all of our winning schools!!

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Dance Choreography	Award of Excellence	Josephine Whitsitt	"The Butterfly Dance"	Riverview Elementary PTA
Film Production	Award of Excellence	Leonardo Viwria	"Crazy Magic Toothless"	Corinth
Literature	Award of Excellence	Janie Baker	"In My Imagination"	Pleasant Ridge
Music Composition	Award of Excellence	Caroline LaTessa	"My Dreams Tonight"	Trailwood PTA
Photography	Award of Excellence	Jaxon Garcia	"Keep Your Eye on the Sky"	Riverview Elementary PTA
Visual Arts	Award of Excellence	Gavin Winsor	"Limitless"	Pleasant Ridge
	Award of Merit	Josie Pflumm	"Imagination Land"	Ray Marsh
Dance Choreography	Award of Excellence	Kamdyn Wedel	"Fly"	Riverview Elementary PTA
	Award of Merit	Molly McCracken	"Fly"	Trailwood Elementary PTA
Film Production	Award of Excellence	Anthony Franchitti	"Save the Amazon"	Riverview Elementary PTA
	Award of Merit	Riley Gaikowski	"Dream Adventure"	Belinder Elementary PTA
Literature	Award of Excellence	Caitlyn Pflumm	"My World"	Ray Marsh Elementary PTA
	Award of Merit	Dylan Handley	"Soaring"	Riverview Elementary PTA
Music Composition	Award of Excellence	Ishya Bhavsar	"Inside My Mind"	Briarwood Elementary PTA
	Award of Merit	Alayna Parvin	"Let Your Imagination Fly"	Lansing Elementary
Photography	Award of Excellence	Lily Chalfie	"Imagine As You Play"	Benninghoven Elementary PTA
	Award of Merit	Emily Hamer	"Imagine"	Riverview Elementary PTA
Visual Arts	Award of Excellence	Alyson Ramsey	"Pandora's Dreams"	Mill Creek Elementary PTA
	Award of Merit	Jorja Heine	"Dark Ocean"	Lansing Elementary
Dance Choreography	Award of Excellence	Kate Early	"Lost and Found"	Trailwood PTA
Film Production	Award of Excellence	Brogan Thomas	"A Series of Imaginative Events"	Westridge Middle School
Literature	Award of Excellence	Olivia Blomquist	"Imagination"	Indian Woods Middles School
Music Composition	Award of Excellence	Maxwell Bunte	"Welcome to Reality"	Indian Hills Middle School
Photography	Award of Excellence	Kyle Bean	"Party at Riverside Geyser"	Westridge Middle School
Visual Arts	Award of Excellence	Jayden Dewey	"Two Faces of Johnny Depp"	Indian Woods Middles School
Film Production	Award of Excellence	Sophia Terian	"Brain Learns to Fly"	Shawnee Mission West
Literature	Award of Excellence	Nathan Del Rio	"Giving Color to the World"	Turner High School
	Award of Merit	Stephanie Brunson	"The Man in the Moon?"	Friends of Leavenworth High School
Music Composition	Award of Excellence	Cameron Huey	"And the Kitchen Sink"	Wyandotte High School
Photography	Award of Excellence	Daisy Morris	"The Mind of a Wandering Soul"	Shawnee Mission NorthWest
	Award of Merit	Landon Elliott	"The Flow"	Friends of Leavenworth High School
Visual Arts	Award of Excellence	Collin Shearman	"Mother Arthropedra"	Friends of Leavenworth High School
	Award of Merit	Rachel Silverstein	"Spirit of Imagination"	Shawnee Mission West

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