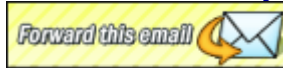


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Seasons Greetings!

I wish you, your members, and your families, the most glorious holiday season. Thank you to all that attended the 110th Annual Convention! Be on the look-out for the Post-Convention Issue of the NJP-T Magazine with updated information, photo memories, and so much more!



It's official! The New Jersey PTA, after more than fifty years at its headquarters on Berkeley Avenue in Trenton has officially moved to Mercerville!

All e-mail addresses have remained the same! These can be found on our state PTA Website at www.njpta.org! We thank you for your patience and apologize for any delays that have occurred due to our move. Our phone and fax are up and running but our internet is not accessible yet. We are hoping Verizon will get us working by Monday. Please contact your county president if you need help immediately.

See below for a Brief Review of the State PTA Convention and a Recap of the Bylaw Amendments that concern your local PTA!

Yours in being THE VOICE FOR ALL CHILDREN-

Judy Hyde

NJPTA President

We Have Moved!

New Jersey PTA has

UPCOMING

EVENTS:

Sunday - Saturday,
February 13 - 19, 2011-
National PTA Take Your
Family to School Week

Tuesday - Thursday,
March 8 - 10, 2011-
National PTA Legislative
Conference

Thursday - Sunday,
June 9 - 12, 2011-
National PTA Convention-
Orlando, FL

Summer 2011
New Jersey PTA Summer
Leadership Conference &
2011 Annual Meeting

Spring 2012
New Jersey PTA 111th
Annual Convention

Moved!

The Headquarters of New Jersey PTA has moved and we now have a new phone number and new fax number! Please be sure to update your address books with the following information.

***New Jersey PTA
8 Quakerbridge Plaza, Suite
F
Mercerville, NJ 08619***

***PHONE: (609) 587-0100
FAX: (609) 587-0500***



*Our E-Mail Addresses have remained the same! For general questions or inquires, please e-mail:
njptaoffice@njpta.org*

Convention Brief Review

The New Jersey PTA Convention was held on Friday & Saturday, November 19 & 20, 2010 at Bally's-Atlantic City, NJ!

The Convention was a great success with increased attendance, wonderful General Sessions, Revised Bylaws, an Outstanding National PTA Town Hall Meeting, and so much more!

For full information on the Convention Resolutions, Bylaws Revisions, and the Legislative Program please see the Post-Convention Issue of the NJP-T Magazine!

The 2010 - 2013 NJPTA Officers Elected:

*Debbie Tyrrell, Vice President of Field Service
Charlotte Arr, Vice President of Health and Welfare
Candy Fredericks, Treasurer*

For more information on the convention- please be sure to get your copy of the Post-Convention Issue of the NJP-T Magazine coming soon!

New Jersey PTA Bylaws Revisions

The Delegates that attended the 2010 NJPTA Convention were able to take part in a complete 'revision' of our state PTA Bylaws. The new document is shorter, more concise, and has made quite a few changes to the way that New Jersey PTA functions with our convention, relations with local units, and so much more. The full document will be available soon on www.njpta.org! Please see below for the changes that you should be aware of.

Each of the below revisions took effect as soon as they were approved by the Delegates at the Convention!

NUMBER 1

ARTICLE V- Members and Dues

Section 6: The treasurer of each local PTA shall send the portion of national and state dues of the individual members to the state office by the 15th of each month starting October 15th.

This indicates that all Local PTAs should send in the \$3.50 per member (\$1.75 for New Jersey PTA Dues and \$1.75 for National PTA Dues) with a Dues Remittance Form on the 15th of Each Month beginning in October! This will allow for dues to be submitted monthly and not to remain in your Local PTA Treasury for too long and will allow for your dues to be used sooner for use by NJPTA for Leadership Development, Resources, and so much more.

NUMBER 2

ARTICLE XVII - State Convention

Section 1: The state convention shall be held annually in the state of New Jersey. The date and place of the convention shall be approved by the New Jersey PTA Executive Committee.

There will be no convention in 2011 in order to move the State Convention to the Spring of 2012. There will be a combined Summer Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting in the summer of 2011. This will include exhibitors, workshops, a general session, and so much more! The 111th Annual Convention with the installation of President-Elect Noreen Kurzynowski will be held in the Spring of 2012!

NUMBER 3

ARTICLE XV- Committee on State, County, and Local Relationships

Section 1: There shall be a committee on state, county and local relationships consisting of five (5) current New Jersey PTA Board Members appointed by the President with the approval of the New Jersey PTA Executive Board.

Section 2: This committee shall review any alleged violations by local PTAs or county council PTAs of National PTA Bylaws, the New Jersey PTA Bylaws or their own bylaws, or other practices or activities of local PTAs that may tend to defeat the purposes and basic policies of the New Jersey PTA and shall promptly report to the New

Jersey PTA Board of Directors the results of such reviews and its recommendation for action.

NUMBER 4

ARTICLE XVI- Disaffiliation/Withdrawal of Charter

Section 1: If a local PTA is considering disaffiliation the following procedures must be followed:

A. A local PTA executive board considering recommending to its general association a resolution to disaffiliate must afford the County Council President and/or another New Jersey PTA representative an opportunity to speak to the executive board prior to its taking any action on such a proposal. If the Executive Committee then votes to present to its general membership a motion to disaffiliate, it must inform, in writing, the County Council President, the New Jersey PTA President and its general membership at least 30 days prior to the next general membership meeting that the motion to disaffiliate will be considered.

B. The County Council President and/or New Jersey PTA President and/or another New Jersey PTA representative must be afforded the opportunity to speak at the local PTA meeting, to the membership, prior to action being taken by the local PTA on the proposed resolution to disaffiliate.

C. Approval to disaffiliate requires a two-thirds vote, by written ballot, a quorum being present. Only those members who are in good standing on the date the written notice of the proposal to disaffiliate is sent may vote.

D. Disaffiliation and dissolution shall take effect within 60 days.

Section 2: Each local PTA is obligated upon disaffiliation/ withdrawal of its charter by the New Jersey PTA:

A. To yield up and surrender all of its books and records and all of its assets and property to the New Jersey PTA or to such agency as may be designated by the New Jersey PTA or to another local PTA organized under the authority of the New Jersey PTA;

B. To cease and desist from the further use of any name that implies or connotes association with the National PTA or the New Jersey PTA or any status as a constituent organization of the National PTA;

C. To carry out promptly, under the supervision and direction of the New Jersey PTA, all proceedings necessary or desirable for the purpose of dissolving such local PTA.

Section 3: The New Jersey PTA is required by law to notify immediately, the Internal Revenue Service, the New Jersey Sales Tax Bureau, the Secretary of State, the Charities Registration and Gaming Commission, and the Postal Authorities that a local PTA which has disaffiliated or had its charter withdrawn and is no longer eligible for tax exemption under the New Jersey PTA Group Tax Exemption Number.

The above are the new procedures for a PTA has decides to disaffiliate!

New "Family and Community Circle" at the NJ Department of Education



The NJ Department of Education now has a new family and community outreach office. [Sign up to receive the quarterly "Family and Community Circle" email](#) and go to [NJFamilies.com](#) for family focused education resources.

Go to [NJParents.com](#).

National PTA 2011 Youth Institute



The application deadline for the 2011 Youth Institute has been extended to **Monday, December 13, 2010.**

[2011 Youth Institute Application](#)

Please e-mail all applications to La'Keisha Gray-Sewell at lgray-sewell@pta.org and include the words "**Youth Institute Nominee**" in the subject line of the e-mail. Both travel and hotel stay will be provided for each youth. Due to budget considerations, **only 15 total slots** are available and not all states will be able to be represented.

For questions regarding the youth nomination process, please contact La'Keisha Gray-Sewell at lgray-sewell@pta.org or (571) 329-9356. For questions regarding the 2011 Youth Institute curriculum, please contact Elizabeth Rorick at erorick@pta.org or (703) 518-1200, Ext. 3326.

Promethean Launches Initiatives to Help PTAs



Promethean, a Proud National Sponsor of PTA, is launching two national initiatives to help members "Build their Dream ActivClassroom."

Promethean is a global education company committed to supporting teaching and learning with technology solutions proven to significantly boost student achievement. As part of a three-year partnership, Promethean will help local units interested in adding interactive technologies into classrooms and investing in digital-age learning resources. To read more, click [HERE](#).

Just Between Friends, Communication Made Easy

Just Between Friends, National PTA's member database, helps you communicate easily with your

entire school. And, here's some great news you have the ability to attach files of the most popular formats to your e-mails. To effectively manage all of your communications, you can create subgroups within your school and select which subgroups should receive your e-mails.

Be on the look out for more information on JBF!

Teachers' Insurance Plan of New Jersey

NJPTA members can benefit from good rates and insurance coverage, AND raise funds for their PTA! Call for your free, no-obligation quote for quality auto and homeowner's insurance, and earn \$10 for your PTA - it's that simple!

Tell your fellow members how they too can help raise funds for your local PTA while also checking out Teachers' Insurance's great rates and special benefits tailored to the needs of the New Jersey educational community.

Call today (800) 516-4972 for your quote and visit www.nj-teachers.com to learn more about the benefits of Teachers Insurance.



Local Leadership Resources



Visit: http://www.pta.org/local_leader/6001.htm for the November Local Leadership Resources directly from National PTA.

Also visit: <http://www.pta.org/pressroom.asp> for the Up-to-Date News from National PTA including the New National PTA Interim-Executive Director Mishaela Durán.

Tell Us About Your PTA Experience

We want to hear from you. **We are looking for personal stories** about how PTA has impacted your life. Are you a part of PTA's legacy? Did your PTA training help earn you a new job or award recognition? Did a PTA campaign impact your community? Please share your stories, pictures, experiences. Tell us how PTA made (or is making) a difference in your life, school, or community. Post your stories in the [discussion forum](#) at the PTA Great Idea Bank or e-mail info@pta.org (add "PTA Stories" to the subject line).

It's Time to Brag!

The Local PTAs of New Jersey all do great things. Let everyone who receives the E-Newsletter and NJP-T Magazine know by sending information and photos and photos about your events to me at

editor@njpta.org.

NOTE:

How do I get my school featured in a future issue of New Jersey PTA E-NJP-T? If you have a great story that you would like us to use, contact us directly at editor@njpta.org or let your County President/Advisor know and we will highlight your PTA in one of our weekly emails!

Please feel free to forward this e-mail by click the button below. Please send additional e-mail addresses of all interested Officers and Members of your Local PTAs.

WE ARE PTA - NOT P.T.A or pta!

