



Message from PTACHC

March 31, 2020

The PTA Council of Howard County will not host its general meeting at the Homewood Center scheduled for April 1st due to state gathering restrictions. The Board is working to evaluate alternatives to hosting future meetings and will communicate those to all PTA members.

Is the PTA or PTACHC closed?

The mission of the PTA council and our local PTA units is unchanged through the current virus response. The organization continues to advocate for children. This mission will be considerably more challenging as many bylaws require in-person voting, board approval of expenditures, signatures, and quorums. Each PTA still needs to continue to operate under their bylaws, which may necessitate postponements, cancellations and restricted activities; however, the PTA organization is far from "closed".

PTACHC has developed a guide for which activities can and cannot be performed during the virus response period and can be viewed on the PTACHC website. We are also reviewing guidance from the National PTA and State PTA. Please use caution that any activity performed is not in conflict with any safety mandates from the state or county that change frequently.

The social distancing efforts put an extra burden on our volunteer base, which may be continuing to work, face daycare issues, or have their employment interrupted. The availability of volunteers able to assist in new capacities directly correlates to our ability to implement many of the great ideas brought forward.

Please continue to participate and advocate alongside the PTACHC board in the budget, policy, and legislative processes that are ongoing with modified methods of input. Please continue to communicate and provide support to local schools within your capacity, while also exercising good judgement regarding public safety limitations.

Regards,

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