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PTA Council of Howard County members:

I would like to draw attention to two messages that were released this morning. One from the National PTA and the other from the MD PTA. For the last several months, National PTA has created a team to work with the State PTA on various issues of concern. The National PTA created a plan for MD PTA to remain in compliance. The National PTA authority is limited to take certain actions leaving two primary approaches. The first was working with MD PTA toward probationary compliance and the second was cancelling the affiliation and reforming a new organization. As of this morning, it appears that the second option has been exercised.

For the time being, this means that there will be messaging and instructions from both National PTA and MD PTA that may conflict with each other. It is my intention to have PTACHC to operate as normal within its bylaws while we are presented with courses of action. Our board and membership will review each option available. As of this moment, the MD PTA is proposing several options for local units and the National PTA has requested a meeting with leadership on March 31st. Our next regularly scheduled PTACHC General Meeting is scheduled on Monday, April 12th after spring break. We will keep everyone informed as details become available but recommend that local units continue to operate as normal in the meantime. Local PTA units are still fully functional with the exception of the affiliation with the National Organization, which will most likely start the process of reestablishing a new state PTA organizational entity. During this timeframe, you should continue with your critical role as education advocates. There are many questions that we will need to research and provide answers, particularly regarding certain operations in the short run. Please feel free to reach out to our board and office with these questions through our official PTACHC mail addresses and we will implement tracking and responses to provide all members.

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