



National PTA Statement for PTAs in Maryland

ALEXANDRIA, Va., (May 14, 2021)—The following statement can be attributed to National PTA President Leslie Boggs:

“National PTA would like to take the opportunity to provide some useful information to PTAs in Maryland.

“A new entity called Free State PTA has been formed and is the only authorized state PTA constituency in Maryland. Local and council PTAs previously chartered by Maryland PTA will continue to be official PTAs under Free State PTA if that is the choice of their members. Their current Employer Identification Numbers will be maintained; they will be covered under a 501(c)(3) group exemption; they will continue to have the benefits of being part of the PTA network and brand; and they will continue to have access to resources, programs and trainings through Free State PTA and National PTA that make a difference for the education, health, safety, well-being and long-term success of children and families in their school communities.

“National PTA remains committed to the success of all local and council PTAs in Maryland in bridging to the new state association, Free State PTA. We also remain dedicated to supporting the needs of all students, families, schools and communities in Maryland, especially as our country continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Our goal continues to be to ensure that all PTAs in the state are strong and healthy and to keep everyone focused on the mission of PTA: to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.”

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