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Good afternoon!

The National PTA-assigned Support Team for Maryland, as well as many National PTA staff members and volunteers, have been working on your behalf, and a lot has been accomplished.

## Accomplishments (Completed and Ongoing)

- **Incorporation of New State Entity.** The Free State PTA has been created, and the Articles of Incorporation were accepted.
- **Nonprofit Status.** The IRS Form 1023 has been filed, and we are waiting for confirmation of acceptance and are prepared to file for group exemption once that confirmation has been received.
- **Cease and Desist Actions.** The leaders of the former state entity and their attorney have been advised of their violations of PTA's names and brands. They have been told to cease and desist. We are tracking violations and will pursue their willful negligence in correcting their communication vehicles through legal action as necessary.

## Coming Soon

- Website
- Facebook Page
- Free State PTA Meeting Announcement
- Reflections Recognition
- Resources and Training

## Needs

- **Contact Information.** Please use and share this link to [this Google Form](https://forms.gle/nT45r895zUnxKfWq7) to allow us to capture the information necessary to communicate with all PTA leaders:  
<https://forms.gle/nT45r895zUnxKfWq7>
- **Reflections Entry Information.** If your PTA submitted entries to the Reflections program and is not supported by a council PTA, we need to hear from you. Your students deserve recognition, but we can only do that if we know you submitted their entries. Please [contact the support team](#) to coordinate this recognition.

- **Bylaws Survey.** A link to a survey to gather your feedback about the Free State PTA Bylaws will be distributed soon. Please look for it and respond by the deadline. Your voice is needed!
- **Trademark Infringement.** We have been receiving notifications from many of you that infringements have been occurring. We need your help in continuing to receive this information. Please forward any received trademark infringements to [mdpta@pta.org](mailto:mdpta@pta.org).
- **Use of PTA Information.** We are aware that many are concerned that they continue to receive emails from the former state PTA leaders, now under the name, The Alliance for Maryland Parents, Teachers, & Students. While we pursue trademark violations, the power to stop their access to you is in your hands. You may, if you choose:
  - Unsubscribe from the distribution list
  - Follow the instructions from their communication platform, Constant Contact, Inc., and report the unwarranted use of your information. More information can be found here: <https://www.constantcontact.com/legal/customer-contact-data-notice>
  - Consider using the following statement, if reporting abuse:

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## Other Information

- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

Please know that we read every email and answer every call. We are not perfect, so give us grace for any delays and feel free to resend your communication, just in case it was missed. Continue to contact the support team at [mdpta@pta.org](mailto:mdpta@pta.org).

We are compiling our ever-growing to-do list, because we value you and everything that you do each day. We are One PTA, and we are working, together, for every child in Maryland!

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