



National PTA has received numerous emails and telephone calls resulting from the communication sent on Monday, September 6, 2021 by the group, Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers Inc. In an effort to resolve any confusion, we offer the following information.

Free State PTA 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.

National PTA is currently in litigation to protect the nonprofit status and assets of every local and council PTA in Maryland. In response to the communication distributed on Monday, September 6, 2021, a cease-and-desist letter was sent to the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers Inc., which we believe is in violation of the current court order. National PTA is working to ensure that the local and council PTAs maintain their existing Employer Identification Numbers and their coverage under a 501(c)(3) group exemption. (Please see the [attached letter dated September 9, 2021.](#)) Local and council PTAs in Maryland will continue to have the benefits of being part of the PTA network and brand, as well as the resources, programs and trainings offered through Free State PTA and National PTA.

Updated information will be provided as it becomes available. If you responded to the email from the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers Inc. but are unsure of your current status as a PTA in Maryland, please forward your questions to the National PTA-assigned Support Team for Maryland at [fspta@pta.org](mailto:fspta@pta.org). Continue to visit the website at [www.fspta.org](http://www.fspta.org), where you may also contact the newly-elected [Free State PTA Board of Directors](#).

