

Free State PTA Mission: To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.



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Greetings PTA Family, Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year and to Free State PTA!



Thank you for helping students and their families as well as school personnel start the new school year. Free State PTA understands the challenges many PTAs have faced and is ready to assist you by providing support, training, and guidance as needed. Please continue reading to learn more about the resources available through FSPTA.

As PTAs prepare for back-to-school nights and their first meetings, there are members of your community who are anxious to reconnect and will volunteer if asked. <u>So, remember to ask</u>. In the meantime, here are a few tidbits to remember:

- Mailings & Memberships Consider having an alternative mailing address for your local unit just in case school becomes inaccessible. Try electronic membership in addition to paper forms. <u>Hint: Create a Google Form and a QR Code for easy, contactless membership signups</u>.
- Website & Social Media Please update your website and social media references to refer to Free State PTA as the state PTA congress. Be sure to follow us on Facebook @FreeStatePTA.
- **Dues Submission** Please continue to submit dues to National PTA using this <u>dues transmittal form</u> (also attached).
- **Bylaws** <u>Continue to use the last bylaws that your membership approved</u>. A new local unit template aligned with the <u>Free State PTA bylaws</u> is coming soon. You can find those bylaws under the "About" tab at <u>https://www.fspta.org/bylaws</u>.
- **Reflections** Free State PTA will fill the vacancy for the Chair of Programs and Resources so that Maryland students can participate in the stellar National PTA arts program, <u>Reflections</u>.
- **Governance** The Free State PTA needs you! Appointments will be made to serve on various <u>committees</u> to assist in the delivery and expansion of services to all local and Council PTA units. Watch for a call for letters of interest soon and let us know about your passion for PTA.
- **Trainings** Under the "<u>Virtual Meetings</u>" tab on the fspta.org website, you may obtain materials used during training at the 2021 annual meeting. Parliamentary training will be offered as well.
- **Contact Information**: If your PTA is NOT part of a Council, please visit <u>https://www.fspta.org</u> and use the "Contact Us" form to submit your officer contact information. If you have a Council, be sure to submit your officer contact information to them and they will share that with us.



Did You Know? Anyone can join your PTA, including grandparents & other family members; even businesses, and supporters without children at the school can be members.



Board of Directors Meet the FSPTA Team

As the state constituent congress of National PTA, there is excitement in introducing the Free State PTA leadership team!

With a new Board of Directors, you will be given the prompt and proper assistance in meeting your mission to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

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