

LAKE BRADDOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL PTSA BYLAWS INDEX

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#PTA Mission

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

#PTA Values

Collaboration: We will work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to broaden and enhance our ability to serve and advocate for all children and families.

Commitment: We are dedicated to children's educational success, health, and well-being through strong family and community engagement, while remaining accountable to the principles upon which our association was founded.

Diversity: We acknowledge the potential of everyone without regard, including but not limited to: age, culture, economic status, educational background, ethnicity, gender, geographic location, legal status, marital status, mental ability, national origin, organizational position, parental status, physical ability, political philosophy, race, religion, sexual orientation, and work experience.

Respect: We value the individual contributions of members, employees, volunteers, and partners as we work collaboratively to achieve our association's goals.

Accountability: All members, employees, volunteers, and partners have a shared responsibility to align their efforts toward the achievement of our association's strategic initiatives.

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**LAKE BRADDOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION
LOCAL UNIT BYLAWS**

#Article 1: Name and Area

The name of this association is the Lake Braddock Secondary School Parent Teacher Student Association located in Burke, Virginia. It is a local PTSA organized under the authority of the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers (referred to as “Virginia PTA”), a branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers (referred to as “National PTA”).

#Article 2: Purposes

Section 1. Objectives. The purpose or purposes (Objects) of Lake Braddock Secondary School PTSA, in common with those of Virginia PTA and National PTA corporation, will hereafter pursue are:

- a. To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community.
- b. To raise the standards of home life.
- c. To advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth.
- d. To promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth.
- e. To engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth, and
- f. To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding.

Section 2. Awareness. The purposes of the PTA are promoted through advocacy and education in collaboration with parents, families, teachers, educators, students, and the public; developed through conferences, committees, projects, and programs; and governed and qualified by the basic principles set forth in Article 3.

Section 3. Federal Status. The association is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code (hereinafter referred to as “Internal Revenue Code”).

47 **#Article 3: Principles**

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49 The following are basic principles of the Lake Braddock Secondary School PTSA in common with
50 those of Virginia PTA and National PTA:

- 51
52 a. The association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
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54 b. The association shall work to engage and empower children, families, and educators
55 within schools and communities to provide quality education for all children and youth,
56 and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process by influencing school policy
57 and advocating for children’s issues, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make
58 decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education, state education
59 authorities, and local education authorities.
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61 c. The association shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth,
62 and shall seek to promote collaboration among families, schools, and the community at
63 large.
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65 d. Commitment to inclusiveness and equity, knowledge of PTA, and professional
66 expertise shall be guiding principles for service in Virginia PTA.

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68 **#Article 4: Relationship with National PTA, Virginia PTA and Constituent Associations**

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70 **Section 1.** The articles of organization of a constituent association include (a) the bylaws of such
71 association and (b) the certificate of incorporation or articles of incorporation of such association
72 (in cases which the association is a corporation) or the articles of organization by whatever name
73 (in cases in which the association exists as an unincorporated association).
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75 **Section 2.** Local PTA/PTSAs shall be organized and chartered under the authority of Virginia
76 PTA in the area in which the local PTA/PTSA functions in conformity with such rules and
77 regulations, not in conflict with the bylaws of Virginia PTA or National PTA.
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79 **Section 3.** Virginia PTA shall issue to each local PTA/PTSA in its area a charter evidencing the
80 due association and good standing of this local PTA/PTSA. A local PTA/PTSA in good standing
81 shall:

- 82
83 a. Adhere to purposes and basic policies of the PTA.
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85 b. Have a minimum of three (3) elected officers, to include one (1) president, a secretary,
86 and one (1) treasurer.
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88 c. Submit local PTA/PTSA bylaws to the Virginia PTA state office every five (5) years for
89 approval by the Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Virginia PTA Board of
90 Directors.
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- 92 d. Submit local unit officers contact information form and verification of local unit's
93 employer identification number (EIN) to the Virginia PTA state office immediately upon
94 election of officers annually.
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- 96 e. Submit a copy of the fiscal year-end audit report to the Virginia PTA state office within
97 fifteen (15) days following the adoption of the audit report by the general membership.
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- 99 f. Submit a copy of the filed 990N, 990EZ or, 990 form to the Virginia PTA state office
100 within fifteen (15) days of filing.
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- 102 g. Remit the Virginia PTA and the National PTA portion of dues to Virginia PTA by dates
103 designated in these bylaws.
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- 105 h. Provide information for members who have joined the association during the reporting
106 period as prescribed by the Virginia PTA.
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- 108 i. Meet other criteria as may be prescribed by Virginia PTA.
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110 **Section 4.** Each local PTA/PTSA shall adopt such bylaws for the governance of the association as
111 may be approved by Virginia PTA. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with the bylaws of
112 Virginia PTA or the bylaws of National PTA. Such bylaws shall include an article on amendments
113 and shall include a provision establishing a quorum.

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115 **Section 5.** The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the bylaws of National PTA shall
116 serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by the local PTA/PTSA to
117 amend correspondingly the bylaws of the local PTA/PTSA.

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119 **Section 6.** Each local PTA/PTSA is required by Virginia PTA to include in its bylaws articles and
120 sections that are identified by the pound symbol (#).

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122 **Section 7.** Each officer or board member of a local PTA/PTSA shall be a member of such local
123 PTA/PTSA.

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125 **Section 8.** Only members of a local PTA/PTSA who have paid dues for the current membership
126 year may participate in the business of this association.

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128 **Section 9.** Each local PTA/PTSA shall keep such permanent books of account and records as shall
129 be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts, and disbursements of the local unit
130 including, specifically, the number of its members, the dues collected from its members, and the
131 amounts of dues remitted to Virginia PTA and council (if member of a council). Such books of
132 account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized
133 representative of Virginia PTA or, where directed by the committee on state and local relations.
134 Such authorized representative shall have full access in cases where account information and
135 records are required from banks.

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137 **Section 10.** There will be no proxy voting by local PTA/PTSA, nor any constituent association of
138 National PTA.

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140 **Section 11.** The members of the nominating committee for officers of a local PTA/PTSA shall be
141 elected by the general membership.

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143 **Section 12.** A local PTA/PTSA member shall not serve as a voting member of a constituent
144 association's board at the local, council, district, state, or national level while serving as a paid
145 employee of, or under contract to, that constituent association.

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147 **Section 13.** A local PTA/PTSA may address legislative items or issues if the position on the
148 legislative item or issue does not conflict with that of the Virginia PTA Legislation Program. The
149 local unit's name must be used and not that of Virginia PTA.

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151 **Section 14.** The local PTA/PTSA fiscal year shall begin and end as designated in the bylaws with
152 the ending date the last day of a calendar month.

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154 **Section 15.** The charter of a local PTA/PTSA shall be subject to withdrawal and the status of such
155 association as a PTA/PTSA unit shall be subject to termination, in the manner and under the
156 circumstances provided in the bylaws of Virginia PTA.

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158 **Section 16.** Each local PTA/PTSA is obligated upon withdrawal of its charter by Virginia PTA to:

- 159
- 160 a. Yield and surrender all of its books and records and all of its assets and property to
161 Virginia PTA or to such agency as may be designated by Virginia PTA or to another local
162 PTA/PTSA organized under the authority of Virginia PTA.
 - 163
 - 164 b. Cease and desist from the further use of any name that implies or connotes association
165 with Virginia PTA, National PTA or status as a constituent association of National PTA.
 - 166
 - 167 c. Carry out promptly, under the supervision and direction of Virginia PTA, all proceedings
168 necessary for the purpose of dissolving such local PTA/PTSA.

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170 **Section 17.** Any dissolution of a local PTA/PTSA and termination of its affairs shall take place in
171 the following manner:

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- 173 a. The executive board shall adopt a written resolution recommending that the local
174 PTA/PTSA be dissolved and directing that the question of such dissolution be submitted to
175 a vote at a special meeting of the general membership having voting rights at the time of
176 the meeting.

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- 178 1. Only those funds approved by the general membership in the current budget year
179 may be spent.

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- 181 2. Written notice of the adoption of such resolution accompanied by a copy of the
182 notice of the special meeting for the members shall be given to the president of

183 Virginia PTA at least thirty (30) days before the date fixed for such special meeting
184 of the members.

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186 3. A complete membership list including contact information shall be provided to
187 the Virginia PTA state office at least thirty (30) days before the date fixed for such
188 special meeting of the members.

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190 b. Written notice stating the purpose of such meeting to consider dissolving the local
191 PTA/PTSA shall be given to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such
192 meeting. Such meeting shall be held only during the academic school year.

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194 c. A dissolution quorum must be met for the general membership of the local PTA/PTSA
195 to consider the resolution to dissolve. The dissolution quorum includes the required
196 quorum for general membership meetings per local PTA/PTSA bylaws plus a majority of
197 the executive board members.

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199 d. Prior to the vote on dissolution, the president of Virginia PTA, or his/her designated
200 representative, shall be permitted to attend the meeting and shall be allowed to speak for a
201 minimum of sixty (60) minutes followed by a maximum of sixty (60) minutes question and
202 answer session.

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204 e. Voting shall be by ballot.

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206 f. Only those persons who are members of the local PTA/PTSA on the date of adoption of
207 the resolution and who continue to be members on the date of the special meeting shall be
208 entitled to vote on dissolution.

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210 g. Upon the dissolution of this local PTA/PTSA, after paying or adequately providing for
211 the obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one (1) or
212 more non-profit funds, foundations, or organizations which have established their tax-
213 exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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215 h. Upon adoption to dissolve, the local PTA/PTSA's charter will be withdrawn by Virginia
216 PTA in accordance with state bylaws.

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218 **Section 18.** Each member of a local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues to the association as
219 approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting after having been given at least
220 thirty (30) days written notice. The amount of such annual dues shall include the portions payable
221 to the local PTA/PTSA, council (if a member of council), Virginia PTA, and National PTA.

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223 **Section 19.** Each local PTA/PTSA shall remit a portion of such dues to Virginia PTA by dates
224 designated in these bylaws and to council (if a member of council).

229 **#Article 5: Membership and Dues**

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231 **Section 1.** Every individual who is a member of this local PTA/PTSA also is a member of
232 Virginia PTA and National PTA by which this PTA/PTSA is chartered and, as such, is entitled to
233 all the benefits of such membership.

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235 **Section 2.** Membership in this local PTA/PTSA shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone
236 who believes in and supports the mission and purposes of National PTA.

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238 **Section 3.** This local PTA/PTSA shall conduct an annual enrollment of members but may admit
239 persons to membership at any time.

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241 **Section 4.** PTSAs with students in secondary schools, as defined by their local school division,
242 shall offer membership to students.

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244 **Section 5.** A person may hold membership in one or more local PTA/PTSAs upon payment of all-
245 inclusive dues as required in each local PTA/PTSAs' bylaws.

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247 **Section 6.** Only members of this local PTA/PTSA shall be eligible to vote in the business of this
248 local PTA/PTSA or to serve in any of its elected or appointed positions.

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250 **Section 7.** Each member of this local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues as may be determined by
251 this association. The amount of such dues shall include the portion payable to Virginia PTA (the
252 "state portion") and the portion payable to National PTA (the "national portion").

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254 **Section 8.** Each member of a local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues to the association as
255 approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting after having been given at least
256 thirty (30) days' notice. The amount of such annual dues shall include the portions payable to the
257 local unit, Virginia PTA and National PTA.

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259 **Section 9.** The amount of the Virginia PTA state portion of each member's dues shall be
260 determined by the Virginia PTA. The Virginia PTA portion of each member's dues shall be one
261 dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per annum. The National PTA portion of each member's dues shall
262 be two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per annum.

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264 **Section 10.** Virginia PTA and National PTA portions of the dues paid by each member of this
265 local PTA/PTSA shall be set aside by this local PTA/PTSA and remitted to Virginia PTA through
266 such channels and at such times as Virginia PTA bylaws may provide. Each state PTA shall pay to
267 National PTA the amount of the national portion of dues paid by all members of local PTAs in its
268 area.

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270 **Section 11.** All memberships received during the fiscal year ending June 30 shall expire the
271 following October 31.

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273 **Section 12.** Payment of Virginia PTA and National PTA dues:
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275 a. The Virginia PTA and National PTA portions of the dues paid by each member of a local
276 PTA/PTSA shall be the property of Virginia PTA and National PTA, respectively, and
277 shall not be included in the local PTA/PTSA's budget.

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279 b. Membership dues shall be remitted to Virginia PTA at the Virginia PTA state office on
280 or before November 1. Additional membership dues received after November 1 shall be
281 remitted to Virginia PTA at the Virginia PTA state office on or before December 1.
282 Membership dues received after December 1 shall be remitted to Virginia PTA at the
283 Virginia PTA state office on or before March 1. Membership dues received after March 1
284 shall be remitted to Virginia PTA at the Virginia PTA state office on or before June 30.

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286 c. A list of members who joined the association during the reporting period shall be kept
287 by the local PTA/PTSA units and submitted as prescribed by Virginia PTA.

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289 **Section 13.** Virginia PTA Honorary Life Membership may be conferred for distinguished service,
290 for which a fee shall be paid to Virginia PTA. This fee shall be deposited in the special Life
291 Membership Scholarship Fund of Virginia PTA. Virginia PTA Honorary Life Membership
292 entitles a recipient to attend Virginia PTA annual meeting as a non-voting participant without
293 payment of the registration fee.

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295 **Section 14.** National PTA Life Achievement Award may be conferred for distinguished service,
296 for which a fee shall be paid to the National PTA for the Endowment Fund. The National PTA
297 Life Achievement Award provides only National Convention guest privileges upon payment of the
298 convention registration fee.

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300 **Section 15.** A holder of a Virginia PTA Honorary Life Membership or National PTA Life
301 Achievement Award may be an active member only upon payment of dues in a local PTA/PTSA
302 unit.

303 **Article 6: Officers and Their Election**

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306 **Section 1.** The officers of this PTA/PTSA shall consist of:

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308 #a. One (1) president.

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310 b. Three (3) vice presidents.

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312 #c. A secretary.

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314 #d. One (1) treasurer.

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316 **#Section 2.** Only members whose individual dues are paid to this local PTA/PTSA for the current
317 fiscal year shall be eligible to hold office, and to serve on the executive committee, executive
318 board, standing or special committees, or to serve as a delegate or alternate to the council or
319 district.

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321 **#Section 3.** Nominating committee:

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323 a. Each member of the nominating committee must be a member of this local PTA/PTSA.

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325 b. The nominating committee shall consist of five (5) members who shall be elected by the
326 members of this local PTA/PTSA at their regular general membership meeting at least two
327 (2) months prior to the election of officers. The committee shall elect its own chairman.

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329 c. The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled
330 and report its nominees to the members at a regular general membership meeting at least
331 thirty (30) days prior to the general membership election meeting. At the general
332 membership election meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor.

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334 d. Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve, if elected, shall be
335 nominated for or elected to such office.

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337 **#Section 4.** Officers shall be elected by the following method:

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339 a. Officers shall be elected at the general membership election meeting in the month of
340 May.

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342 b. If there is more than one nominee for office, then the voting shall be by ballot. A
343 majority of the votes cast shall constitute which nominees are elected. However, if there
344 is but one nominee for office, election for that office may be by voice vote. If by ballot
345 vote, the secretary shall be responsible for destroying all ballots at the end of the general
346 membership election meeting.

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348 c. Officers, except the treasurer, shall assume their official duties immediately following
349 the close of the meeting in the month of July. The treasurer shall assume his/her official
350 duties upon the completion of the auditing process outlined in these bylaws.

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352 **#Section 5.** Officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.
353 No person shall hold more than one (1) elected office at a time on this local unit board. No local
354 unit officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, not to exceed four (4) years in the
355 same office. Officers who have served in an office for more than one-half (1/2) of a full term
356 shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office.

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358 **#Section 6.** Vacancies in any office shall be filled by the following method:

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360 a. A vacancy occurring in any office except that of president shall be filled for the
361 unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the Executive Board at their
362 next scheduled meeting. In case of a vacancy in the office of president, the vice president
363 shall become president and shall hold office for the balance of the term. In the interim,
364 the duties of the vice president shall be delegated by the president.

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- 366 b. In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, and also in the absence of a vice
367 president, the general membership shall elect the next president.
368
- 369 c. If there is more than one nominee for any office, then the voting shall be by ballot. A
370 majority of the votes cast shall constitute which nominees are elected. However, if there
371 is but one nominee for office, election for that office may be by voice vote. If by ballot
372 vote, the secretary shall be responsible for destroying all ballots at the end of the meeting.
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- 374 d. When a ten (10) day notice of the election is given, a majority of votes cast shall
375 constitute an election. Without such notice a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present shall
376 be required.
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378 **Article 7: Duties of Officers**

379 **Section 1.** The president shall:

- 381 a. Preside at all meetings of this local PTA/PTSA.
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- 383 b. Coordinate the work of the officers and committees of this local PTA/PTSA in order
384 that the purposes may be promoted.
385
- 386 #c. Submit this local PTA/PTSA officers' contact information form and verification of
387 this local PTA/PTSA's employer identification number (EIN) to the Virginia PTA state
388 office immediately upon election of officers annually.
389
- 390 d. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws.
391
- 392 #e. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees of this local PTA/PTSA except the
393 nominating committee.
394

395 **Section 2.** The vice presidents shall:

- 396 a. Act as aides to the president.
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- 398 b. In their designated order, perform the duties of the president in the absence or inability
399 of the officer to act.
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- 401 c. The first vice president shall be the designated representative to the High School.
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- 403 d. The second vice president shall be the designated representative to the Middle School.
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- 405 e. The third vice president shall serve as the All-Night Graduation Party Chair.
406
- 407 f. Perform other delegated duties as assigned.
408

409 **#Section 3.** The secretary shall: 410

- 412 a. Record the minutes of all meetings of the local PTA/PTSA.
- 413
- 414 b. Keep the official copy of the local PTA/PTSA bylaws in his/her files.
- 415
- 416 c. Maintain a membership list as required by Virginia PTA.
- 417
- 418 d. Perform other delegated duties as assigned.
- 419

420 **#Section 4.** The treasurer shall:

- 421
- 422 a. Have custody of all funds and finances of the local PTA/PTSA.
- 423
- 424 b. Keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures as described in these
- 425 bylaws.
- 426
- 427 c. Make disbursements as authorized by the president, executive board, or general
- 428 membership in accordance with the budget adopted by the general membership.
- 429
- 430 d. Have checks or vouchers signed by two (2) officers, preferably the treasurer and the
- 431 president.
- 432
- 433 e. Present a written financial statement at every meeting of the local PTA/PTSA and at
- 434 other times when requested by the executive board.
- 435
- 436 f. Prepare an annual financial report at the close of the fiscal year.
- 437
- 438 g. Have the accounts examined according to the auditing procedures outlined in these
- 439 bylaws.
- 440
- 441 h. Submit a copy of the fiscal year-end audit report to the Virginia PTA state office
- 442 within fifteen (15) days following the adoption of the audit by the membership.
- 443
- 444 i. Submit a 990N, 990EZ, or 990 form per IRS regulations. A copy of this form shall be
- 445 sent to the Virginia PTA state office within fifteen (15) days of filing.
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- 447 j. Remit by November 1 to the Virginia PTA state office, Virginia PTA and National
- 448 PTA dues for membership received prior to November 1. Remit by December 1, dues
- 449 received after November 1. Remit by March 1, dues received after December 1. Remit by
- 450 June 30, all Virginia PTA and National PTA dues received after March 1.
- 451
- 452 k. Perform other delegated duties as assigned.
- 453

454 **#Section 5.** All officers shall perform the duties outlined in these bylaws. Upon the expiration of
455 the term of office or in case of resignation, each officer shall turn over to the president, without
456 delay, all records, books, and other materials pertaining to the office.

457 **Article 8: Executive Committee**

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459 **Section 1.** The executive committee shall consist of the elected officers of the association and
460 the principal of the school.

461 **Section 2.** The executive committee shall:

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464 a. Develop goals for the local PTA/PTSA for presentation to the executive board and
465 general membership for approval.

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467 b. Appoint standing and special committee chairmen and members of the standing and
468 special committees, except the nominating committee.

469
470 **Section 3.** The executive committee shall meet within thirty (30) days after their election for the
471 purpose of appointing standing committee chairmen. Special committee chairmen shall be
472 appointed as necessary. Members of the standing and special committees shall be appointed as
473 soon as possible after the appointment of the committee chairmen.

474
475 **Section 4.** Meetings of the executive committee shall be held by the call of the president or a
476 majority of the executive committee, one (1) day notice having been given. A quorum of the
477 executive committee shall be a majority of the members of the committee then in office.

478
479 **#Section 5.** The executive committee shall reserve the right to vote on business via electronic
480 vote. Only the president shall have the authority to call for an electronic vote and to establish the
481 guidelines for that vote. The established quorum of the executive committee shall prevail. Voting
482 results must be recorded in the minutes and ratified at the next executive committee meeting.

483
484 **#Section 6.** The executive committee may hold meetings by telephone conference or through
485 other electronic communications media so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each
486 other and participate during the meeting. Some or all of the members may participate
487 electronically at a meeting held at a central location so long as all the members can
488 simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting.

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490 **Article 9: Executive Board**

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492 **Section 1.** The executive board of this local PTA/PTSA shall consist of the elected officers and
493 the chairmen of the standing committees. The principal of the school or his/her designee and a
494 staff representative or his/her alternate, appointed by the principal or elected by the faculty, also
495 may serve on the executive board. The chairmen of the standing committees shall be appointed by
496 the officers of the association not more than thirty (30) days following the election of officers.

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498 **#Section 2.** A PTA/PTSA member shall not serve as a voting member of a constituent
499 association's board at the local, council, district, region, state, or national level while serving as a
500 paid employee of, or under contract to, that constituent association.

501
502 **Section 3.** The executive board shall:

503 a. Transact necessary business in the intervals between general membership meetings and
504 such other business as may be referred to it by this local PTA/PTSA and present a report to
505 the general membership at the general membership meetings.

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507 b. Create, change or eliminate standing and special committees.

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509 c. Approve the plans of work of the standing and special committees.

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511 #d. Select an auditing committee, experienced auditor, or attend an external audit
512 exchange.

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514 #e. Approve the proposed budget to be presented to the general membership for adoption.

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516 #f. Obtain general membership approval for any changes to the adopted budget over three
517 hundred dollars (\$300.00) per fiscal year.

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519 **#Section 4. Auditing Procedures:**

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521 a. The executive board shall select an auditing committee, experienced auditor or choose
522 to participate in an external audit exchange prior to the end of the fiscal year. An auditing
523 committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members and no one with signature
524 authority shall sit on their own auditing committee. All audit exchanges shall be
525 coordinated with at least one (1) other PTA/PTSA unit.

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527 b. The local PTA/PTSA treasurer shall submit books to the auditing committee,
528 experienced auditor, or the external audit exchange at the end of the fiscal year. The audit
529 report shall be submitted in writing to the executive board prior to finalization of the
530 proposed budget for the coming school year.

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532 c. The executive board of a local PTA/PTSA shall upon resignation of the treasurer during
533 a term select an auditing committee or an experienced auditor within one (1) week of the
534 resignation. The audit shall be performed with fiscal year-end auditing procedures and
535 shall be complete within three (3) weeks of the resignation. This audit shall not be
536 performed in lieu of the year-end audit.

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538 d. The newly elected treasurer shall not undertake any banking responsibilities of that
539 office with the exception of depository duties, reconciliation of bank statements, change of
540 signatory or other clerical duties not requiring signatory until the audit is presented to the
541 executive board.

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543 e. All audit reports shall be presented to the general membership for adoption. The fiscal
544 year-end audit report shall be presented to the membership for adoption at the first general
545 membership meeting held after the completion of the report. A copy of the fiscal year-end
546 audit shall be sent to the Virginia PTA state office within fifteen (15) days following the
547 adoption of the audit by the general membership.

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549 f. The local PTA/PTSA is required to file a 990N, 990EZ, or 990 form per IRS regulations.
550 A copy of this form shall be sent to the Virginia PTA state office within fifteen (15) days of
551 filing.
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553 **#Section 5.** If any member of the executive board shall at any time, cease to meet the
554 qualifications or fulfill the duties of the position, that person may be removed from the board by
555 a majority vote of the executive board.
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557 **Section 6.** The executive board shall hold at least three (3) meetings during the year. The time
558 and place of meetings shall be set at the first meeting of the executive board after their election.
559 Special meetings of the executive board may be called by the president or by a majority of the
560 members of the executive board, three (3) days' notice being given. A quorum of the executive
561 board members shall be a majority of the members of the executive board then in office.
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563 **#Section 7:** The executive board shall reserve the right to vote on business via electronic vote.
564 Only the president shall have the authority to call for an electronic vote and to establish the
565 guidelines for that vote. The established quorum of the executive board shall prevail. Voting
566 results must be recorded in the minutes and ratified at the next executive board meeting.
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568 **#Section 8.** The executive board may hold meetings by telephone conference or through other
569 electronic communications media so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other
570 and participate during the meeting. Some or all of the members may participate electronically at
571 a meeting held at a central location so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each
572 other and participate during the meeting.
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574 **Article 10: Committees**

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576 **#Section 1.** Chairmen and members of all standing and special committees shall be members of
577 this local PTA/PTSA.
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579 **Section 2.** The executive board may create, change or eliminate such standing committees as it
580 may deem necessary to promote the purposes and carry on the work of the local PTA/PTSA.
581 Standing committee chairmen and committee members shall be appointed by the executive
582 committee, except for the nominating committee. In the absence of an executive committee then
583 the executive board shall make the appointments. The term of each chairman shall be one (1)
584 year or until the selection of a successor. No chairman shall be eligible to serve in the same
585 capacity for more than two (2) consecutive terms.
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587 **Section 3.** The executive board may create, change or eliminate such special committees as it
588 may deem necessary or as may be directed by the local PTA/PTSA. Special committee chairmen
589 and committee members shall be appointed by the executive committee. In the absence of an
590 executive committee then the executive board shall make the appointments. The term of each
591 special committee chairman is ended upon completion of the task assigned to the committee. No
592 special committee chairman shall be eligible to serve in the same capacity for more than two (2)
593 consecutive tasks.

594 **Section 4.** The chairman of each standing and special committee shall present a plan of work to
595 the executive board for approval. No committee work shall be undertaken without the consent of
596 the executive board.

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598 **#Section 5.** The committee shall reserve the right to vote on business via electronic vote. Only
599 the committee chair shall have the authority to call for an electronic vote and to establish the
600 guidelines for that vote. The established quorum of the committee shall prevail. Voting results
601 must be recorded in the minutes and ratified at the next committee meeting.

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603 **#Section 6.** Committees may hold meetings by telephone conference or through other electronic
604 communications media so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other and
605 participate during the meeting. Some or all of the members may participate electronically at a
606 meeting held at a central location so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other
607 and participate during the meeting.

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609 **Section 7.** The quorum of any committee shall be a majority of its members.

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611 **Section 8.** The president shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees of this local
612 PTA/PTSA except the nominating committee.

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614 **#Section 9.** Committee chairmen shall turn over to the president, without delay, all records,
615 books and other materials pertaining to the committee at the end of the term served or when
616 departing office.

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Article 11: General Membership Meetings

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620 **Section 1.** Regular meetings of this local PTA/PTSA shall be held at least three (3) times during
621 the school year, ten (10) days' notice having been given.

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623 **Section 2.** The general membership election meeting shall be held in May.

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625 **Section 3.** Special meetings of this local PTA/PTSA may be called by the president or by a
626 majority of the executive board, five (5) days' notice having been given.

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628 **Section 4.** Voting on routine matters may be by voice vote; however, motions requiring a two-
629 thirds (2/3) affirmative vote (e.g. votes on bylaws) shall be by a rising vote or show of hands by the
630 verified members of this local PTA/PTSA.

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632 **Section 5.** Fifteen (15) members, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any
633 meeting of this local PTA/PTSA.

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Article 12: Council Membership

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637 **Section 1.** Selection of delegates:

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- 639 a. This local PTA/PTSA shall be represented in meetings of the Fairfax County
640 Council Parent Teacher Association by the president or alternate, the principal or
641 alternate, and by two (2) delegates or alternates.
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643 b. Delegates and alternates shall be appointed in September.
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645 c. Delegates to the Fairfax County Council PTA shall serve for a term of
646 one (1) year or until the selection of a successor. No delegate shall serve for more than
647 two (2) consecutive terms.
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649 **Section 2.** This local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues as prescribed in council bylaws to the
650 Fairfax County Council PTA.
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652 **Section 3.** Responsibilities of delegates:
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- 654 a. Delegates shall report activities of the council to the local PTA/PTSA and shall present
655 to council such matters as may be referred to it by the local PTA/PTSA.
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657 b. Delegates shall vote on all issues as instructed by their local PTA/PTSA; but if not
658 instructed, they shall use their own discretion, except as provided by council bylaws.
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660 **#Article 13: District Membership**

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662 **Section 1.** This local PTA/PTSA shall be a member of the district designated by Virginia PTA.
663 This local PTA/PTSA is in the Northern Virginia District of Virginia PTA.
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665 **Section 2.** The district shall act as liaison between Virginia PTA and local units, to coordinate
666 policies and current programs of local units with those of Virginia PTA, and shall submit votes cast
667 by local unit members in their respective districts for the Virginia PTA Proposed Legislation
668 Program to the Virginia PTA Legislation/Education Committee chairman for tabulation.
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670 **Section 3.** Local units in good standing are entitled to be represented at the Annual District
671 Meeting and the District Legislation Workshop by the president or alternate and three (3) other
672 voting delegates. If membership is larger than one hundred (100), there shall be one (1) additional
673 delegate for each fifty (50) memberships or major fraction thereof.
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675 **Section 4.** Local PTA/PTSA delegates for the district shall report activities of the district to their
676 local PTA/PTSA and shall present to the district such matters as may be referred to it by their local
677 PTA/PTSA. Delegates shall vote on all issues as instructed by their local PTA/PTSA; but if not
678 instructed, they shall use their own discretion.
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680 **#Article 14: Fiscal Year**

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682 The fiscal year of this local PTA/PTSA shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.
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685 **#Article 15: Parliamentary Authority**

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687 The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern
688 National PTA and its constituent associations in all cases in which they are applicable and in which
689 they are not in conflict with these bylaws, the bylaws of Virginia PTA, and the bylaws of National
690 PTA, or the articles of incorporation.

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692 **#Article 16: Local Unit Bylaws Revisions and Amendments**

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694 **Section 1.** The bylaws of this Local PTA/PTSA shall be revised and submitted to the Virginia
695 PTA state office every five (5) years for approval by the Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee on
696 behalf of the Virginia PTA Board of Directors. The revision anniversary date will be five (5)
697 years from the Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee date of approval.

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699 **Section 2.** Bylaws shall be reviewed and amended with the following procedures:

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701 a. A committee shall be appointed to submit a revise set of bylaws as a substitute for
702 existing bylaws or to submit an amendment to current bylaws.

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704 b. Bylaws shall be revised or amended at a regular meeting of the local PTA/PTSA
705 provided notice and a copy of the proposed bylaws revision or amendments are provided to
706 the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the revision or the
707 amendments are to be voted upon. A quorum shall be established at the meeting in which
708 voting takes place. The revision or amendments are subject to approval by the Virginia
709 PTA Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Virginia PTA Board of Directors. The proposed
710 bylaws revision or amendments require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and
711 voting.

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713 c. Submission of amendments and revised bylaws for approval by Virginia PTA shall be in
714 accordance with the bylaws of Virginia PTA.

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716 d. Each local PTA/PTSA is required by Virginia PTA to include in its bylaws articles and
717 sections that are identified by the pound symbol (#).

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719 e. The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the Bylaws of Virginia PTA
720 identified by the pound symbol (#) shall serve to automatically and without requirement of
721 further action by the local PTA/PTSA to amend correspondingly its bylaws.

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723 **Section 3.** The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the Bylaws of National PTA shall
724 serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by this local PTA/PTSA to
725 amend correspondingly the bylaws of this local PTA/PTSA.

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727 **#Required by Virginia PTA in all district, council, and local unit bylaws.**