

**SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to Current STDPTA By-Laws approved February 23, 2017**

**Proposed changes are highlighted in yellow.**

**I. Article VI: Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers of this district PTA shall be a president, a president elect, five (5) vice presidents, one (1) secretary, and a treasurer.

a. Group one shall consist of the president-elect, second vice president, fourth vice president, and secretary and shall be elected in odd numbered years.

b. Group two shall consist of the president-elect, first vice president, third vice president, fifth vice-president and treasurer and shall be elected in even number years.

**II. Reason to consider changes to Articles VI and VII:** Allows for positions of President-Elect, Fourth Vice-President, Public Relations and Fifth Vice-President, Advocacy on the St. Tammany District PTA Executive Board. Allows for title change for Third Vice-President.

a. Creating a position of President-Elect allows the person elected to this position to serve in a learning slot for a year before they serve as president. This officer will serve a total of two years, one as President- Elect and one as President. This change, if voted in by the District General Membership, would require the President elected in May 2019 to serve only one operational year (2019-2020). The President-elect cycle would start with their election in August 2019 at District Annual Training

b. The Public Relations member of our board currently serves as the Publicity Chair, but advances in social media and communication requirements have changed significantly enough to require that person to be a Vice-President and an integral part of the Executive Board.

c. The Resolutions & Legislative position currently exists as a standing committee chair, but the Executive Board desires to change that position to a Vice-President position. This change is requested so that all members of the St. Tammany PTA can advocate together in an organized and effective manner for the very best educational experiences possible for each of our children.

d. The current responsibility listed for the third vice-president is programs. This title does not properly define the specific program that officer manages. Request the wording be changed to state: The third vice president shall be responsible for Children's Cultural Arts programs.

**III. Timeline for execution of changes to by-laws:** A yes vote on proposed by-law changes by general membership at the May 15, 2019 District PTA End of Year Celebration will allow for approval time of the changes by LAPTA before the end of this operational year, June 30, 2019. A Nomination call for the new positions can be published in July, and a vote for the officers can be conducted on August 17, 2019 at the Annual PTA District Training. This allows these new officers to join the board for the 2019-2020 operational year.