

NEWSFLASH

Michigan PTA's Newsletter For Leaders

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF MICHIGAN PTA

In the New Year many people set a goal: a commitment to do or not do something. Did you set a 2022 goal for yourself? How are you doing with your goal? As members of PTA, we are committed to a year-round mission. Our goal:

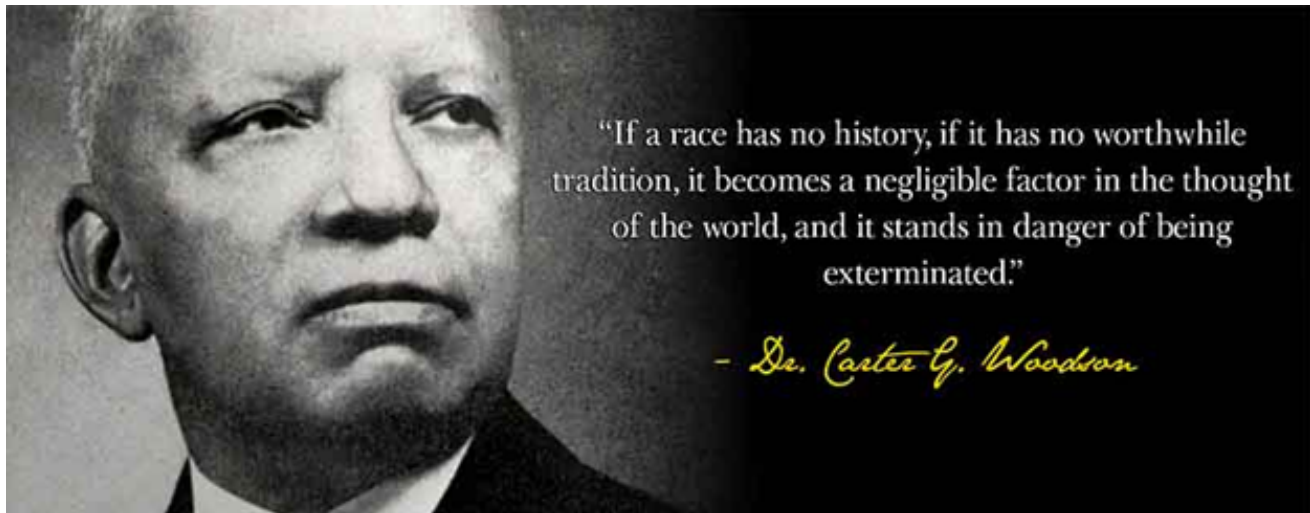
To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

As members of PTA we are dedicated to the mission of providing support for educational success, health, and well-being by promoting and facilitating family engagement and fostering community activities.

In addition to providing supplemental provisions for schools, endless volunteer hours to assist with the many tasks it takes to carry out many activities and support the teachers and staff, and to come together to represent every child, one voice, we ensure that the needs of fostering each child's potential are heard. We bring important voices together inside as well as outside of the school building to take action. We provide key State and Federal Legislation information about decisions impacting our children and schools to members, parents, and community members. We also provide easy-to-locate resources to facilitate contact with legislators and provide them our voice. Nestled between all this work is the gain of genuine friendships and unforgettable experiences.

As we approach the 125th Anniversary of advocating for all children, what is your PTA goal? How can you stretch and reach higher for the success of all children? How will you use your voice?

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Black History is American History

In 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the second African American to earn a doctorate from Harvard University, and friend, Jesse E Moreland, a graduate of HBCU, Howard University, were concerned that Black American's accomplishments and history were not being taught in schools nor included in history books. Woodson, a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Moreland, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. two of four Historically Black Fraternities, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, later renamed as Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). This organization's purpose was to promote the study of Black history and African Americans' accomplishments. In 1926, Dr. Woodson and the organization began "Negro History Week." The initiative was an attempt to help our nation's school districts focus on Black people's history. He chose the second week of February because abolitionist Frederick Douglass and former President Abraham Lincoln's birthdays were within the same week.

In the mid-1950s, as the Civil Rights Era began, Freedom Schools in the Southern region of the United States of America acknowledged and celebrated Negro History Week and embraced it in their curriculum. This movement of increased education and exposure to Black History expanded its roots from elementary, middle, and high schools to colleges and universities throughout our nation. Black professors and educators at Kent State University (KSU) and the Black United Students organization, also at KSU, proposed and planned Black History Week's expansion to Black History Month in 1969. The first celebration took place in 1970.

In 1976, United States President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month. He implored others to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." Various countries worldwide, including Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Ireland, officially recognize and observe African American History Month. The official 2021 Black History Month Theme from ASALH is THE BLACK FAMILY: REPRESENTATION, IDENTITY, AND DIVERSITY

How does your PTA/PTSA unit or council plan to acknowledge the contributions, accomplishments, and celebrations of Blacks in America this year? Black history is American history, 24 hours per day, seven days a week, and 365 days per year. If you need ideas or assistance, please feel free to contact the Michigan PTA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Outreach Committee via Diversity@MichiganPTA.Org.

By Jennifer Johnson,
Former Chair of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Outreach and Vice President for Student Involvement for Michigan PTA
Current Chair of Diversity, Inclusion & Outreach for National PTA

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ETHAN'S LAW

At the December Federal Legislative Chair meeting, Po Murray, the co-founder of Newtown Action Alliance, was our guest speaker. With the go-ahead from National PTA, I have been reaching out to our Michigan Federal Members of Congress about a bill called Ethan's Law (H.R. 748). Ethan's Law would require firearms to be put in safe storage when a minor is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the parent or guardian. It is named after a Connecticut teenager who lost his life after he went to a friend's house where there was unsupervised access to a gun. It is now law in that state. At the time of this writing,, 7 of the Michigan Members of the House have sponsored this bill and 7 have not. In the U.S. House of Representatives, if a bill has 218 sponsors a vote on it is required. As of the beginning of January, Ethan's Law had 168.

To read more about Ethan's Law, read a list of Sponsors, and see how it is moving in the House, please go to congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/748/. Here you can sort out sponsors by state. If you see your Michigan Member of the House as a sponsor, please call them and thank them. If you do not, please ask them to consider sponsoring Ethan's Law. If you have any questions about Ethan's Law or contacting your federal Members of Congress, please email fedlegchair@michiganpta.org. You can find out more about the Newtown Action Alliance at newtownactionalliance.org.

Carin Meyer
Federal Legislative Chair, Michigan PTA

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November 30th at Oxford High School was an unnecessary and unfortunate reminder of why we do what we do. We embrace this community with our love and resources to support the slow process of healing and recovery. We continue to be a voice for all children. Shower all parents and caregiver communities with knowledge around mental health to support them and their children. Be a bridge to help school families understand their School Safety programs and protocols. Stay on the pulse of important gun safety legislation and communicate that support to do what's best for the safety of our children.

I challenge each of you to set a goal, raise your voice and meet the mission of PTA where it needs you.

Tracey Troy
President, Michigan PTA

Attention all Leaders, new, experienced, or up and coming:

Did you know that at PTA.org they offer e-learning courses to improve your leadership skills? Under "Run Your PTA," click on "e-learning," then on "Become an Amazing PTA Leader" to find links to categories such as:

- ABC'S of PTA Leadership
- Local PTA Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers Roles and Responsibilities
- Board Basics
- Local Leader Kit
- Inclusive Leadership

In another e-learning section you can find out about the Mission and History of PTA, something you may be able to use as Founder's Day celebrations are coming up shortly.

Use all the resources you can and make sure that you share with everyone.

Kathy Carter
Leadership Development

Upcoming Michigan PTA Legislative Events



- Advocacy Summit - Saturday, March 19, 2022
- Meetings With Legislators - March 25, 2022 - April 11, 2022
- Michigan PTA Advocacy Round-up - April 13, 2022

*All events will be held virtually

**For more information visit:
michiganpta.org/advocacy-events**

Michigan PTA Advocacy Day Events

Given the current Covid-19 situation, we have converted our upcoming Michigan PTA Advocacy Day to a series of smaller virtual events, as follows:

Saturday, March 19, 2022 (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.): Advocacy Summit will include key Michigan stakeholders as speakers, present the Michigan PTA legislative "asks" for 2022, and provide legislative background and training. Registration is open for this event: zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MmbTQnvRQqKVqO_Gz7DWbg

March 25, 2022 - April 11, 2022: The Summit is followed by a two-week window for members to meet with their legislators about the "asks." Legislators will be available in their home districts during this time that the Legislature is not in session.

April 13, 2022 (evening, TBD): Advocacy Round-Up will include a **debrief** of legislative meetings, share action items, and invite participation in advocacy at the state level

Please watch for more details, registration information, and the policy "asks" to be issued in the coming weeks, and share them with your membership when they come out. Thank you.

National Convention

Join Us at the **National PTA Convention June 14-19, 2022** is the 125th Anniversary of PTA! To mark this very special occasion, the Convention will be held in the Washington D.C. area with a Hill Day Experience on Wednesday, June 15th. This will be a day for us to meet with Michigan Members of Congress and PTA advocates from around the country, and hear presenters on Advocacy topics. We would love to have you join us!

Go to pta.org/home/events/PTA-Conferences-Events for more information.

The Michigan PTA will alert you when registration is officially open.

Questions? Email Carin Meyer, Federal Legislative Chair at fedlegchair@michiganpta.org.



ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

JUNE 14-19, 2022 | NATIONAL HARBOR, MD

Looking Ahead: 2022 Michigan Annual Convention

A note from Susie Crafton, VP of Programs and Services

We are optimistically planning for an in-person MI PTA Annual Convention either July 22-23 or July 29-30 at a conference center / hotel somewhere in Southeast Michigan. We are currently exploring venues in Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Livonia, and Novi. If you have relationships with venues or speakers, or if you are interested in helping to plan either the content or the logistics of this year's convention, please email Convention@michiganpta.org. We'd love to have you on one of our Convention Committees!

A message from Tonya Whitehead, Convention Chair

Michigan PTA's Annual Convention will be held in late July 2022. Has your unit planned for sending a delegate or two or three? The annual convention is not only about doing the business of the state organization, it also gives individual units a chance to learn from one another and the state leaders. The convention will have workshops relevant to you as leaders, including training for new officers, and to your members as well. We even have an exhibit hall with ideas for fundraisers and events to enhance what you are already doing at a local level!

As you plan your spending for this year, consider including funds to cover a delegate or two. The knowledge and contacts that you make are invaluable for an outstanding 22-23 school year. We look forward to seeing you there!

Decline to Sign

Please reach out to your members and tell them to Decline to Sign the Let MI Kids Learn petition. The goal of this petition is to create a backdoor voucher system that would let donors receive tax credits from the School Aid Fund for up to \$500 million dollars per year. This would not only violate the Michigan State Constitution, it would also take taxpayer dollars out of the School Aid Fund and give them to wealthy donors in the form of a tax credit for donations to nonprofits that benefit private schools.

The Michigan PTA has created a document to share with your membership on why these bills would hurt Michigan public school students, an explanation of their history and some talking points: <https://bit.ly/DeclineToSignInformation>

Michigan PTA Petition Alert. Decline to Sign!

Decline To Sign! Why the Let MI Kids Learn Petition Would Hurt Michigan's Public Schools:

- If signed into law this could take up to \$500 million dollars out of the School Aid Fund annually. The School Aid Fund is used to give each public school district a dollar amount per student.
- Donors can already give to private schools; however, now donors would take tax write-offs out of the School Aid Fund, directly impacting the amount of funding available for public school students.
- Taxpayer dollars will fund these donor write-offs.
- This voucher-style system violates the state Constitution, which requires Michigan to maintain and support a system of free, public K-12 schools.
- The amount of the tax credits would vary, changing the amount available to districts in the School Aid Fund. School districts would have more difficulty budgeting.

On November 5th, 2021 Governor Whitmer vetoed a package of bills that would have allowed nonprofit organizations to fund private school tuition up to 90% of the per pupil allowance as well as give stipends to qualifying public school students from \$500 to \$1,100 for students with Individualized Education Plans. This bill package would be funded by allowing those who donate to these nonprofits to receive tax credits (up to \$500 million dollars annually) from the School Aid Fund. After the Governor's veto, a petition drive was approved using Michigan's bypass law that allows for the Legislature to vote on petitions that only require 8% of the number of voters from the last gubernatorial election to bypass the veto.

Michigan PTA does not support this petition.

Michigan's children and families have been through a very challenging two years. While Federal funding is boosting educational spending in the short term, in 2019 the Detroit News ranked Michigan dead last among all the states in funding growth. 90% of Michigan students attend public school. Let MI Kids Learn will take 500 million dollars out of the School Aid Fund and put that money, not in the hands of kids, but in the hands of donors to use for tax credits. Michigan PTA supports families in making the best educational choice for their families, but optimizing funding for all students in their local communities will allow for the best outcomes for Michigan's children.

If you have any questions or comments about this petition drive, please contact Michigan PTA at meyerc@michiganpta.org, or call Michigan PTA at 734.975.9500.

Did you know that Resolutions are how PTAs set their policy?

Every year, state PTAs and National PTA request Resolutions to be submitted for vote by the full membership at their annual Conventions. This year, the deadline for submitting Resolutions ahead of the 2022 Michigan PTA Convention will be May 15th, 2022. Please start now to identify any topics your unit or Council would like to submit, and begin working to format them correctly. National PTA Governmental Affairs has explained that Position Statements and Resolutions carry the same weight. However, issues that were addressed as Position Statements during the previous year should be reassessed to determine if they should be voted on as Resolutions by the full membership at Convention, and therefore become current Michigan PTA policy. Click [here](#) for details or visit bit.ly/MiPTAResolutionsandPositionStatements

REMINDER

- A reminder that organizations will need to complete their quarterly and annual tax filing for MI sales, use, and withholding.
- Additionally, any units that use a calendar fiscal year will have a 990 coming due. Most units use a July to June fiscal year, but for those that have a 12/31 end date the 990 is due in May.

Questions? treasurer@michiganpta.org

QUICK TIP



A tip to make your PTA year easier and more effective:

Create a password to access helpful information for PTA leaders at michiganpta.org/pta-leader-resources

Interested in being a part of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee?

For more information contact garlandj@michiganpta.org

Michigan PTA DEI Committee Meetings
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May 19, 2022 06:30 PM
Jun 16, 2022 06:30 PM

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER LEADERS!

Open call for those that love bringing ideas to life! We are looking for volunteers interested in:

- Awards and Recognition
- Convention
- Family Engagement
- Health and Wellness
- Kinship Care
- MI Men in PTA
- Reflections
- New Initiatives and Innovations

Please reach out to Susie Crafton, VP of Programs & Services (craftons@michiganpta.org) to get involved in any or all of these important priorities!



Celebrating National PTA Founders' Day

An article from National PTA's Our Children Magazine

I love the National PTA Founders' Day story! Two thousand women converging in the District of Columbia in the middle of February in 1897 and sharing a vision to create a better world for their children and all kids across the nation.

This story always astounds me—How did they get word out? Who came? What was the convention like?

I wanted to learn more about these amazing women and the first convention. So, I went on the Library of Congress website to read the newspapers from Washington and different cities. At that time, there were numerous newspapers throughout the country serving cities, small towns and county seats.



Reading eyewitness accounts of the first gathering of the National Congress of Mothers was inspiring.

Here's what I learned:

- Motherhood was the one of the most important contributions to society for a woman during that time period. The conference was planned to bring in experts on motherhood and childhood. Our founders were interested in doing humanitarian work by raising upstanding citizens that the nation would be proud to send out into the world.
- Alice McClellan Birney, an educator, first pitched this notion to a group of moms in New York in August 1895 and was able to publicize her proposal nationwide. Her idea won the support of other educators and civic leaders. Birney shared her idea with a friend, who connected her with Phoebe Apperson Hearst, wife of U.S. Senator George Hearst.
- Mrs. Hearst's generosity helped set the wheels in motion as did her networking of notable contacts—the vice president's wife, Adlai Stevenson, the president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, U.S. Postal inspector, educators, editors and superintendents. They worked tirelessly to build relationships and to spread the word of this new venture.
- The organization identified officers who lived in different cities—Washington DC, Philadelphia and Chicago. The president and vice presidents lived in DC while the secretary and treasurer lived elsewhere. Their goal for the first event was to bring in the best and brightest experts to speak to the movers and shakers across the country.
- At the first convocation of the National Congress of Mothers on Feb. 17, 1897, two thousand attendees—which included men and women, African American and white, educators, editors, Sunday school teachers and delegates from sister associations—came to Washington, DC from as far west as California, as far south as Tennessee and as far north as Massachusetts.
- The attendees were eager to learn the most up-to-date information on educating children and how to be the best raise their children. They crammed into the meeting halls to hear presentations on current science and educational practices, reading to children and the analogy of motherhood and an artist.
- During their time in DC, attendees met with the First Lady, Mrs. Frances Folsom Cleveland at the White House.
- Our founding mothers practiced their values. During the event, one of Alice McClellan Birney's young children came onto stage, seeking her mother's attention. Mrs. Birney excused herself from the stage and took the time to be with her young daughters, who hadn't seen their mother since she had been away.
- An exhibit hall was created and it wasn't filled with vendors and sponsors. Instead, they established an area of the hotel and set up a nursery complete with necessary paraphernalia. This was to show the attendees the newest and latest equipment to enhance the life of the child.

As I read through the accounts, I am even more in awe of these interesting women and have a renewed sense of what is expected of today's PTA—to further the mission of making every child's potential a reality through family-school partnerships, community outreach and advocacy.

For more info about National PTA and our history, visit [PTA.org/History](https://pta.org/history). Mary Jo Neil is a national service representative at National PTA.

Greetings!

Listening to your children helps to boost effective parent engagement with each child because it is a part of the communication process. It can develop trust, eliminate conflict, and reduce misunderstandings. Sometimes, students do not know how to express their feelings with words. According to Psychology Today, effective listening also relies on non-verbal communication – paying attention to our children’s actions. National PTA supports family listening sessions, particularly in relation to our children’s development of social, emotional, and other life skills.

If you are interested in joining the student involvement committee, contact me, Lachelle Thomas, at studentinvolvementvp@michiganpta.org



Student Involvement

A.L.L. Advocate Leaders at Large

Yes, we are advocates for children and we care. Sometimes it may only be support for the group, other times it might be working with one child, and other times we volunteer in a school. Joining A.L.L. PTA helps lend your voice as we advocate with elected leaders at the state and federal government.

Children need all the support they can get, as you well know. Being an A.L.L. member gives you voting privileges at convention. It tells people that you stand for children and their families. You will get current information as to what is going on with PTA and with Education.

Questions: call us at 734-975-9500, or contact me at ALL@michiganpta.org. We would love to hear from you.

Please share with community members, businesses and elected officials.

Stay safe, warmest regards
Kathy Carter

Have you seen our new membership campaign postcard?



Join today!

FOR MOMS, DADS, GRANDPARENTS, CAREGIVERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS

For more than 120 years, PTA has provided leadership opportunities for women – growing the PTA into the largest child advocacy association in America

Today, everyone has a role to play in growing and improving our schools

Michigan PTA
every child, one voice.

Michigan PTA's Advocate Leaders at Large (A.L.L.) is a state level PTA membership that is designed for people who want to support the general mission of PTA at a broader level than one particular school PTA. As an A.L.L. PTA member, you support the Michigan PTA and all PTA/PTSAs in Michigan.

A.L.L. PTA members:

- Receive regular communication and Advocacy Alerts from Michigan PTA
- Are entitled to attend Michigan and National PTA events at the member rate
- Are part of an outreach community for improving education for children in Michigan

For more information visit michiganpta.org/membership



NOMINATING COMMITTEES AND ELECTIONS

The selection of officers for a PTA/PTSA is one of the most important functions of the association. It is the task of the nominating committee to recognize and recruit candidates for the elected leadership of your PTA/PTSA unit or council. The members of this committee, therefore, have a tremendous influence on the future of your PTA/PTSA unit or council and should be very carefully selected.

The nominating committee holds the key to a successful (or unsuccessful) PTA/PTSA. It has the responsibility of obtaining the best possible persons for officers. The group's success depends on how well the committee does its work.

Presidents and executive committees of local units and councils should recognize the importance of selecting/electing the nominating committee early in the fall (September or October). This will give the committee adequate time to make the best possible selection of a slate of officers.

Selection of the Nominating Committee

The importance of having qualified persons on a nominating committee cannot be over-emphasized. Those who have never held an office or worked on PTA projects can hardly qualify. They should be a person with extensive PTA background and knowledge, capable of recognizing good qualities in others and be well acquainted with all the members of the PTA/PTSA. They should be persons who do not show partiality, but choose on merits among those who are truly interested in promoting the Objects and Policies of the PTA. Members of the nominating committee should be elected on merit and ability – never on popularity.

Personal and general qualifications needed by nominating committee members:

- Interest in and enthusiasm for the purposes and programs of the PTA unit/council
- Willingness to work and to devote considerable time to the furthering of the purposes and programs of the PTA unit/council
- High qualities of tact, integrity and discretion; ability to hold one's own counsel
- Courage to express ideas and to defend one's convictions
- Sound judgment and skill in evaluating possible nominees
- Knowledge of the PTA/PTSA local unit and council goals
- General knowledge of potential candidates' qualifications and abilities

Meetings of the Nominating Committee

After the election of the nominating committee, the committee should set a time and a place for an initial meeting, establish a timetable and begin the consideration of PTA/PTSA members as potential nominees. An early first meeting will help make sure that sufficient time is given to consideration of all recommendations and suggestions.

The nominating committee should not meet to consider any potential nominee unless all members of the committee have been notified of the meeting. The committee should have a copy of the bylaws and a membership list. Check the bylaws in regard to all nominating committee duties and activities.

The committee's major role and responsibility is to NOMINATE THE BEST QUALIFIED CANDIDATES(S) FOR EACH OFFICE. The committee should ask for recommendations from PTA/PTSA board members and from the PTA/PTSA membership. Regardless of the number of times a name is recommended, that individual must be evaluated equally and by the same criteria as all other possible nominees.

The committee is not required to select nominees only from recommendations it receives. The committee is obligated to seek out all people who would best serve the PTA/PTSA unit or council in a particular office. Consent must be given by all nominees before the final report is presented.

Election of Officers

See your bylaws for specific guidelines on the election of officers. Local units must send a notice to their members at least 30 days prior to the election or as stipulated in the bylaws.

Suggested practice based on Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised is after the nominating committee makes its report, additional nominations from the floor may be made. These do not require a second and can only be made by a voting member. Consent must be given by the nominee. Unless the bylaws prohibit it, eligible members may run for more than one office but if elected to more than one, they must choose on which they will serve. If a member elected to two positions is absent, the voting body decides by majority vote which office the nominee will fill and then votes again to fill the other office. Nominations may be reopened by a motion and a majority vote, provided no votes have yet been cast.

It is the fundamental principle of parliamentary law that the right to vote is limited to the members of an organization who are actually present at the time the vote is taken in a legal meeting. Absentee voting is prohibited. Your Bylaws determine the voting eligibility of members.

Elections shall be by ballot, however, when there is but one nominee for an office, elections for that office may be by voice vote. Ballots may be deposited by the voters in a ballot box or collected in a container by the tellers. The report of the tellers should be accurate and account for every vote cast. The chairperson of the tellers reads the report and hands it to the chair, who reads it again and announces the elections.

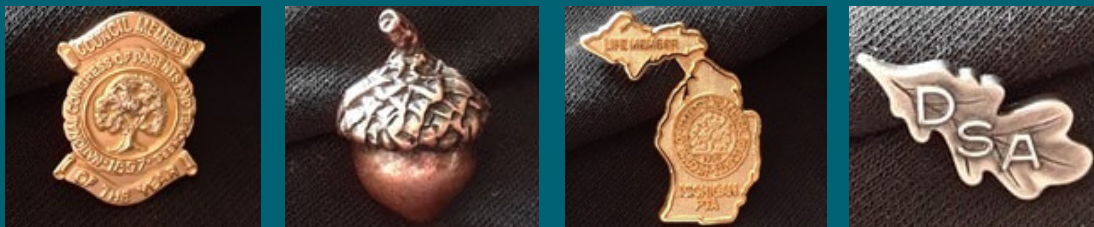
A majority of votes cast is necessary to elect an officer. It may be necessary to vote several times if a majority is not reached. A plurality (largest number of votes given to any candidate when there are three or more choices) never elects unless provided for in the bylaws. If no one receives a majority of the votes cast, the chair states, "There is no election" and another ballot is taken. In the event of a tie vote, the assembly must continue voting until someone receives a majority vote.

PTA Appreciation Awards

Michigan PTA offers the perfect way to honor your most special volunteers—Appreciation Awards. There are four to choose from: the Distinguished Service Award; the Michigan PTA Honorary Life Award; the Acorn Award (for youth); and the Council Member of the Year Award.

These awards can be ordered anytime, and are very popular for recognizing people at Founders Day. All awards come with a certificate and a special pin.

To order awards, you can go to Michigan PTA's MemberHub store at mipta.memberhub.store/store. Please remember to purchase corresponding shipping as well.



Michigan PTA Awards Support Student Scholarships

The Fran Anderson Michigan PTA Scholarship was created as a way to recognize high school seniors who have demonstrated leadership and advocacy skills through participation in PTA. A minimum of one \$1,000 scholarship is awarded each year and additional scholarships and/or scholarships of varying amounts are awarded based on available funds.

The late Fran Anderson, past Michigan PTA President, always demonstrated the highest level of advocacy for all children and her leadership continues to have a positive impact on Michigan PTA. To honor her many years of being a champion for children, the scholarship was named in her honor.

Scholarship recipients are selected by a committee comprised of Michigan PTA Past Presidents based on the following criteria: PTA/PTSA involvement, essay, community service, additional activities, academics, and letters of recommendation.

Apply at michiganpta.org/scholarship on or before April 1, 2022. Please email awards@michiganpta.org with questions.

Reflections

Thank you to all unit-level and district-level Reflections Chairs! Your hard work and leadership have enabled hundreds of students to declare "I Will Change the World By..." by expressing themselves through dance, choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts. Your leadership contributes to increased confidence, fosters relationships and future opportunities, and/or recognizes students for talents that their peers and teachers weren't aware of. YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN STUDENTS' LIVES!

Between now and early March, MI PTA leaders will be working with state-level arts experts, practitioners, and leaders to judge the state-level submissions, and advance those that meet the criteria to the national-level competition. Unit/district-level Reflections chairs will be alerted if one of their students' pieces advances to the National level.

During this same time period, MI PTA strongly encourages each Reflections Chair to CELEBRATE every participating student! At the unit-level, this might be displaying student art in the hallways, hosting a celebration with family and friends, and/or creating an "art kit" of supplies that have been donated from local supporters. At the district-level, you might host an in-person or virtual display for district-wide recognition, and/or create certificates or praise sheets for each art piece signed by a person of prominence in the district. Assuming you plan your district-level celebration after March 15th, it is highly likely that you will know if any of your students' art is advancing to the National competition.

Please feel free to contact Reflections@michiganpta.org with any questions or concerns.

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS®

2021-2022 CALL FOR ENTRIES!

Learn more and get involved!
PTA.org/Reflections

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- DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
- FILM PRODUCTION
- LITERATURE
- MUSIC COMPOSITION
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- VISUAL ARTS

Important Dates to Remember

Unit and Council Renewal and Officer Updates in MemberHub (for 2020/21 this deadline is extended to Oct.1st)	Begins June 1, 2020
Submit Board of Directors Speaking/Visit Requests for Fall 2020 and Founders' Day Schedule	September 15
990 filing date with IRS (for most Units/Councils)	November 15
Standards of Affiliation (SOA)* deadline (Dues, Audit, Budget, Copy of 990, Officers, Bylaw, Insurance)	December 1
Submitting Board of Directors Speaking/Visit Requests for Spring/Summer 2021	January 15
Submitting Resolutions for consideration at Convention	March 1
Fran Anderson Scholarship Deadline	April 1
Michigan PTA Awards Deadline	April 15

Satisfying Standard of Affiliation allows Units/Councils to participate in all State and National Awards, Grants and Programs.

Please note that when a Unit/Council applies for a National PTA award/grant/program, Michigan PTA is contacted before the award/grant/program is dispersed and if the Unit/Council has not satisfied the Standards of Affiliation (SOA), that entity will be disqualified for the award/grant/program, per Michigan PTA's affiliation agreement with National PTA.

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Helpful Information

National PTA is pleased to announce an expansion of its PTA Connected initiative through a new alliance with Discord, an online voice, video and text communication service on a mission to create a space for everyone to find belonging. Discord will collaborate with National PTA on digital safety resources and events designed to elevate youth voices and foster shared understanding among teens, caregivers and educators.

discord.com/invite/nationalpta

Connect With Michigan PTA!

Website: michiganpta.org

Facebook Page: facebook.com/everychildonevoice/

Facebook groups by interest:

- Michigan PTA Advocacy
- Michigan PTA Reflections Network
- Michigan PTA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Michigan PTA Membership
- Michigan PTA Leadership Community

We're Here to Help

Volunteers are available to help answer questions. How you can reach us:

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