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First and foremost, the Garden City Parent Teacher's Association (GC PTA) hopes you and your family are safe and well. We are writing to update you on the status of the 2020 Annual PTA Dinner. Due to the ongoing concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, and with the health and safety of our community as our top priority, the difficult decision has been made to cancel this year's PTA Dinner.

Although we are deeply disappointed that the PTA Dinner will not take place as originally planned, we are committed to supporting our students and school community. The PTA Dinner is the GC PTA's largest fundraising event. For many years, it has created an opportunity for hundreds of people to gather in support of the GC PTA and its mission. The GC PTA relies on the money raised through our annual membership drive and our fundraisers to sponsor cultural and enrichment programs for students, senior scholarship awards, family fun days, speaker engagements, literacy programs, health & safety programs, student recognition programs and so much more. Our grants have enhanced the educational experience for students in all of our schools.

Thank you for supporting the GC PTA by purchasing a ticket to this year's PTA dinner. The funds raised from this event will directly benefit our students and schools in the upcoming school year. In exchange for your ticket, you will receive 5 Grand Raffle tickets, valued at \$25 each, for a chance to win one of our amazing prizes, each valued at over \$1,000. We understand this is a difficult time for many families. If you do not want the Grand Raffle tickets or if you have any concerns, please contact us at [president@gardencitypta.org](mailto:president@gardencitypta.org) by April 27, 2020. We will also continue to hold a weekly online raffle of our fabulous baskets, generously donated by many of our families and local businesses. Check your email and social media for more information.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our Dinner Committee, who have spent so much of their time and energy in planning this year's event. We look forward to recognizing our honorees, Dr. Catherine Knight, Ms. Ronda D'Antonio and Mr. Pete Esposito at next year's event, which will be held on March 18, 2021.

Please know how grateful we are for all the ways in which you support the GC PTA. We realize these are trying times and we thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work through this situation together. Please follow us on social media and check emails for any updates.

We wish you all the very best and continued good health.

*The Executive Committee of the Garden City PTA*