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JULY 20-27, 2024

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CONVENTION PROGRAM

DAY 1 | SATURDAY

- 9:00AM** General Session I
Welcome to the
FSPTA Convention
- 10:30AM** Workshop Session I
- 12:00PM** Lunch
- 1:00PM** Workshop Session II
- 2:40PM** Panel Discussion -
Building Bridges
- 3:50PM** General Session II
Bylaws and Keynote
- 5:30PM** Dinner & FSPTA
Awards Ceremony

DAY 2 | SUNDAY

- 9:00AM** Workshop Session III
- 10:30AM** General Session III

Convention Program

Saturday, July 20, 2024

9:00 - 10:20 AM - General Session I

Welcome to Free State PTA Convention

10:30 AM - 12 Noon - Workshop Session I

Building a Culture of Health in Your School Community

Presenter - Kate Poole

Auditorium

Financial Training (SOA Requirement)

Presenter - Bruce Butz

A303

DEI and Why It's Important

Presenter - Yvonne Johnson, National PTA

A305

GiveBacks

Presenter - Gena Ward

A306

Expand the "T" in PTA

Presenter - Skylar Edgcombe

A307

12:00 - 1:00 PM - Lunch

Chesapeake Dining Hall

Convention Program

1:00 PM - 2:20 PM - Workshop Session II

Boardsmanship (SOA Requirement)

Presenter - Traci Tatum

Auditorium

Membership Engagement Strategies

Presenter - Yvonne Johnson, National PTA

A303

Parliamentary Procedures

Presenter - Kelly Lucas, Free State Parliamentarian

A305

Validating Our Children and Youth as a Preventive Measure

- Humanistic Psychology Applied

Presenter - Dr. Kenya Coleman, LICSW, LCSW-C

A306

2:30 - 3:30 PM - Panel Discussion

Building Bridges: How to Create Long-Lasting Partnerships

3:30-3:50 PM - Networking Break

3:50-5:20 PM - General Session II

Bylaws and Keynote Speaker

5:30 - 8:00 PM - Free State PTA Awards Ceremony

Convention Program

Sunday, July 21, 2024

9:00 - 10:30 AM - Workshop Session III

Tech and PTA
Presenter - Katrina Jones
Auditorium

President
Presenter - Gerrod Tyler
A303

Secretary
Presenter - Ashley Cotton
A305

How to Advocate for Your Community
Presenter - Laura Stewart and Beth Jarrett
A306

Effective Event Planning
Presenter - Rae Sinanan-Hill
A307

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - General Session III

Student Presentation
State of the PTA
Acknowledgments
Closeout

2024 PROPOSED CONVENTION STANDING RULES

1. BADGES

A convention name badge must be displayed to enter the general meetings, workshops, and other convention meeting rooms.

2. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- A. Cell Phones: Cell phones should always be in silent mode during sessions, meetings, and workshops to avoid disruption. Talking on cell phones is strictly prohibited during all sessions, meetings, and workshops.
- B. Audio and/or Video Recording and Live Streaming: Attendees are strictly prohibited from using audio or video recording devices, including cell phone and/or tablet cameras, to record audio or video during the business portion of meetings.
- C. Photography for personal use is still permitted.
- D. Attendees not adhering to this policy will be asked to leave the room and delete all audio or video recordings already taken. Repeat occurrences will result in immediate removal and no access for the duration of the convention. No refunds will be granted.

3. MATERIALS

The Presiding Officer shall approve all materials, print or digital, before their distribution at the Free State PTA convention.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL COMMITTEE

The Presiding Officer shall appoint a committee of three members to audit the minutes of the convention. The convention minutes are subject to the approval of the Free State PTA Board.

5. CONVENTION PROGRAM

The voting body shall adjust the agenda as required for the smooth operation of the assembly.

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6. MESSAGES

No messages may be presented directly to the presiding officer. ALL messages and announcements must be submitted in writing to a person designated by the presiding officer.

7. VOTING

- A. During the registration check-in process, each member of the voting body shall receive three (3) items:
 - i. Convention Name Badge indicating DELEGATE status.
 - ii. Convention Program
 - iii. Voting Card.
- Lost convention name badge may be reprinted one (1) time only, at a fee of \$5, payable at the time of printing.
- B. When directed by the presiding officer, a member of the voting body, while remaining seated, shall vote by raising the voting card.
- C. During a counted rising vote or election, the doors will be closed and admission will be granted only after the chair announces the results of the vote. No voting will be allowed outside the assembly room.

8. VOTING BODY RECOGNITION

- A. Members of the voting body must display a convention name badge with a “DELEGATE” designation to make motions and debate. All motions shall be written on a motion form, signed by the maker, and delivered to the motion table before making a motion, except that no written motion is required for requests for information or points of order.
- B. Members of the voting body wishing to speak will go to the appropriate microphone, present his/her convention name badge with a “DELEGATE” designation to the microphone attendant, sign in, and wait for recognition by the chair before speaking.
- C. When recognized, the voting body member will give their name, the PTA represented, and state if they are speaking in favor or against the current motion.

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- D. There will be three microphones, numbered 1 through 3 on the floor. Each microphone has a specific purpose as follows:

Microphone 1: Parliamentary Inquiries, Points of Order, Points of Information, and Motions

Microphone 2: members of the voting body wishing to speak FOR a motion or an amendment.

Microphone 3: members of the voting body wishing to speak AGAINST a motion or an amendment.

9. DEBATE

- A. The chair shall recognize speakers in alternating order speaking in the affirmative and the negative.
- B. A member of the voting body shall be limited to two speeches of not more than two (2) minutes on any debatable question. No one shall speak on a motion twice before all speakers have spoken once.
- C. Items of business including bylaw amendments shall be limited to no more than 20 minutes unless specified otherwise in these rules. Extension of debate on any of the time limits established in these rules shall require a motion to extend and a two-thirds (2/3) vote in the affirmative.

10. AMENDMENTS:

Primary amendments to a proposed bylaws amendment must be pre-filled in writing on a motion form. Secondary amendments may be made at Microphone 1 at the appropriate time. Primary Amendments must be submitted to convention@fspta.org no later than 2:30 PM EDT, Thursday, July 18. Members of the Governance Committee will be available to assist delegates wishing to submit amendments.

11. BYLAW AMENDMENTS:

The Governance Committee shall be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the membership in connection with the bylaw amendments adopted at the Convention.



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12. EXHIBITORS:

Free State PTA does not allow distribution of materials or solicitation at our events by attendees or unauthorized parties without the express written permission of the President.

13. Quorum

- A. Initial Quorum Requirement: A quorum must be established at the commencement of the convention. The presence of sixty (60) delegates shall constitute a quorum for the convention.
- B. Conduct of Business: Once a quorum has been established at the beginning of the convention, the business of the convention may continue for the duration of the event, regardless of fluctuations in attendance.

14. EXPECTATIONS OF CIVILITY:

Free State PTA is committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and harassment-free event and experience for everyone attending our convention. All participants are expected to behave with common courtesy and civility and conduct themselves in a polite, appropriate, and respectful manner, including respecting individual differences and disagreeing with respect. Free State PTA does not tolerate incivility or harassment of any kind and we prohibit discrimination for any reason. If anyone feels harassed or notices that our expectations of civility are not being met, they should contact a Free State PTA Officer. Free State PTA reserves the right to take appropriate action to address any individual it believes fails to meet our expectations of civility, including expelling the individual from the convention without refund and prohibiting attendance at future events.

Welcome Remarks

Greetings Distinguished Guests and Members of Free State PTA:

Welcome to the 2024 Free State PTA Convention! I am thrilled to see so many passionate advocates for our children and education gathered here today. It is with great excitement that I address you as we embark on this journey together, united by our shared commitment to the PTA Mission and its values.

Our convention theme this year, "**May the Force be with You**," is more than just a nod to a beloved cultural icon. It encapsulates the very essence of what we strive to achieve through **Focus, Ownership, Resilience, Collaboration, and Execution**. These core principles are the driving forces behind our efforts and will guide us as we work together to create positive change for our school communities.



- ★ **Focus:** Let us channel our energy and attention towards the goals that matter most. By maintaining a clear vision, we can prioritize our initiatives and make meaningful progress in enhancing the educational experiences of our children.
- ★ **Ownership:** Each of us has a vital role to play. By taking ownership of our responsibilities and contributions, we empower ourselves and others to drive impactful change. Our collective commitment is the cornerstone of our success.
- ★ **Resilience:** Challenges are inevitable, but our strength lies in our ability to persevere. Through resilience, we can navigate obstacles, adapt to change, and emerge stronger than ever. Together, we will overcome any hurdles that come our way.
- ★ **Collaboration:** The power of partnership cannot be overstated. By working together, sharing ideas, and supporting one another, we amplify our impact. Collaboration is the key to unlocking innovative solutions and achieving our common goals.
- ★ **Execution:** Ideas are only as powerful as the actions we take to bring them to life. With a strategic approach and unwavering determination, we will execute our plans effectively and see our visions realized.

As we gather here at the convention, let us embrace these principles with enthusiasm and dedication. May the force of Focus, Ownership, Resilience, Collaboration, and Execution be with each of us as we strive to make a lasting difference in the lives of our children and continue to fulfill the mission and values of PTA.

Thank you for being here, for your unwavering support, and for your commitment to the mission of Free State PTA. Together, we are an unstoppable force for good.
May the Force be with You!

Gerrod Tyler
President, Free State PTA

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Greetings PTA Members:

Welcome to your annual state convention! It is so exciting to see so many passionate PTA members participate in this year's convention. Your attendance demonstrates your commitment to our PTA mission: to make every child's potential a reality by empowering and engaging families and communities to advocate for all children. This is our legacy!

I am humbled and grateful to serve as the 58th national president of this amazing association. Each of you represents a dedicated and inspired group of advocates with powerful voices, and I am honored to take this journey with you.

As we think about what moves our association forward, it is our mission and also our values: Commitment, Accountability, Diversity, Respect and Collaboration. These core values are embedded in all that we do as an association. Michelle Obama said, "There's power in allowing yourself to be known and heard, in owning your unique story, in using your authentic voice. And there's grace in being willing to know and hear others." This represents the power of our collective voices but also recognizes that we need to listen to learn rather than listen to respond. I have a motto, "Never underestimate the power of a parent's voice." This has never been more important than it is today! As the nation's largest and oldest child advocacy association, we must continue to speak up and out on all issues that matter. Nothing is more valuable than our voice!

In the coming months, we will all have new opportunities, challenges and experiences. Think of PTA this way: P for programs, T for training and A for advocacy. We are all part of this great association regardless of if you are present today as a local, council, district or state leader. You bring so much to the table. What we want for all of you is to leave this convention with a renewed and energized mindset. Recommit, reconnect, and reenergize yourself to the essential work we do as PTA. Come to the table open-minded and ready to work together as a team to ensure that our children are successful in school and that families are engaged and empowered like never before.

National PTA is here to support you every step of the way. I encourage you to visit PTA.org and explore our plethora of resources, learn about our programs and grants that benefit our schools and families, become inspired with our newly revised National Standards for Family-School Partnerships, and take a training on our learning management system, THRIVE. We want every family in our schools to join PTA. Did you know the number one reason people do not join PTA is that they were not asked? I challenge each of you to ask your families, community members and elected officials to join so they can be part of this incredible work that we do. Why? Because together we can do so much more. Who is with me? I can't do it alone—and I can't wait to see how successful our journey in PTA will be!

Enjoy and learn at your convention. Thank you for being here, for your willingness to grow as a leader and for all that you do for PTA and our nation's schools, children and families!

Best wishes,

Yvonne Johnson
President, National PTA

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Maryland State Superintendent of Schools



Carey M. Wright, Ed.D., was appointed State Superintendent of Schools by the Maryland State Board of Education in April 2024. A native Marylander, she previously served as State Superintendent of Education in Mississippi. She is credited with elevating Mississippi to become a national leader in literacy instruction and outcomes during her nine-year term from 2013 to 2022.

As the longest-serving Mississippi state superintendent, Dr. Wright led the implementation of successful education reforms that resulted in significant annual gains in English Language Arts and Mathematics proficiency. These initiatives increased literacy skills in pre-K through grade 3, pushed student achievement on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) to improve at a faster rate than nearly all other states, and achieved a higher graduation rate than the national average. During her tenure, Mississippi's ranking for NAEP fourth-grade reading rose from 50th to 21st in the nation. Additionally, economically disadvantaged fourth-graders achieved higher NAEP reading and math scores than their peers, across racial and ethnic lines, both regionally and nationally.

This achievement resulted in Mississippi receiving the nation's second-highest ranking for improvement from Education Week's Quality Counts annual report card in 2019, 2020 and 2021. A passionate advocate for early childhood education, Dr. Wright implemented Mississippi's first publicly funded Early Learning Collaborative program, which earned recognition from the National Institute for Early Education Research as one of only five states meeting all 10 quality standards for early childhood education. In addition, Dr. Wright led initiatives that nearly doubled the Advancement Placement participation and success rate. She retired as Mississippi state superintendent in 2022.

Prior to her leadership in Mississippi, Dr. Wright was chief academic officer for District of Columbia Public Schools as well as deputy chief for the Office of Teaching and Learning. Dr. Wright also served as associate superintendent for the Office of Special Education and Student Services for Montgomery County Public Schools. A product of Prince George's County Public Schools, she began her teaching career there and held teaching and administrative roles in the Howard County Public School System.

Dr. Wright is a former member of the Chiefs for Change Board of Directors. Notably, the U.S. Secretary of Education appointed her in 2019 to the National Assessment Governing Board, which sets policy for NAEP, the Nation's Report Card. Her honors include the 2022 Mississippi Top 50 Most Influential Leaders Award. She is a University of Maryland graduate, earning undergraduate, advanced and doctoral degrees in education.

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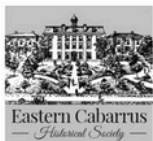
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FSPTA 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report



Free State PTA's Annual Convention July 20 & 21, 2024



Unaudited Annual Financial Report

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Main Checking Balance		\$	181,930.86
Money Market (Savings) Balance		\$	202,516.64
Restricted Checking Balance		\$	2,783.29
Total Free State PTA Bank Balances on June 30, 2024		\$	387,230.79
<u>REVENUE/INCOME</u>	<u>Actual 2023-24</u>	<u>Budget 2023-24</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Start Up (Restricted Funds & NPTA June 2023 Dues Carried over)		\$ 280,318.65	
Adjustment to Start Up (Voided 2022-23 Checks)		\$ 200.00	
State Dues	\$ 148,732.00	\$147,000.00	\$ 1,732.00
Cash Donations/Contrib./Sponsors	\$ 1,312.35	\$2,000.00	\$ (687.65)
Interest	\$ 16.64	\$500.00	\$ (483.36)
State Convention 2023	\$ 5,200.35	\$22,000.00	\$ (11,434.65)
State Convention 2024	\$ 5,365.00		
Regional Training/Treasurer	\$ -	\$500.00	\$ (500.00)
Restricted Funds (New Units/Dissolutions)	\$ 628.52	\$10,000.00	\$ (9,371.48)
PTA Store	\$ 697.81	\$1,000.00	\$ (302.19)
Uncategorized Revenue	\$ 2.06	\$0.00	\$ 2.06
Total Income 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	\$ 161,954.73	\$183,000.00	\$ (21,045.27)
Gross Income		\$463,518.65	
<u>EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>Actual 2023-24</u>	<u>Budget 2023-24</u>	<u>Variance</u>
ADMINISTRATION			
Bank Charges	\$ 282.49	\$500.00	\$217.51
Equipment: Computers & Software (Zoom, Adobe)	\$ 3,398.94	\$9,300.00	\$5,901.06
Facility: Office & Storage	\$ 6,919.00	\$7,560.00	\$641.00
Insurance (AIM)	\$ 2,538.00	\$2,000.00	(\$538.00)
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$300.00	\$300.00
Postage	\$ 435.62	\$500.00	\$64.38
Professional Fees (Auditor, Parliamentarian, Legal, etc.)	\$ 7,100.85	\$15,000.00	\$7,899.15
Other:	\$ 199.05	\$0.00	(\$199.05)
Total Administration	\$ 20,873.95	\$35,160.00	\$14,286.05

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PROGRAM SUPPORT			
Advocacy Committee (Legislation)	\$ 8,556.53	\$16,000.00	\$7,443.47
Board of Directors Meetings	\$ 4,449.37	\$5,000.00	\$550.63
Communication Systems (Alerts/WIX/E-Newsletter)	\$ 1,440.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,060.00
Communications Committee	\$ 130.64	\$700.00	\$569.36
DEIJ Committee	\$ -		\$0.00
Field Services (New Units)	\$ 3,588.41	\$21,500.00	\$17,911.59
Free State PTA Awards	\$ 1,214.47	\$2,000.00	\$785.53
Governance Committee	\$ -	\$700.00	\$700.00
Leadership Committee (Local Unit Service & Leadership Conference)	\$ -	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Maryland Nonprofits (Dues)	\$ 400.00	\$500.00	\$100.00
Membership Committee	\$ 242.09	\$10,000.00	\$9,757.91
National PTA Convention/Leg.Con.	\$ 4,848.05	\$15,000.00	\$10,151.95
Outreach Committee	\$ -	\$15,500.00	\$15,500.00
Outside Conferences and Meetings	\$ 486.68	\$2,000.00	\$1,513.32
President-Elect's Line Item	\$ -	\$500.00	\$500.00
President's Line Item	\$ -	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Reflections & Programs Committee	\$ 3,800.00	\$5,650.00	\$1,850.00
Technology Committee	\$ -	\$500.00	\$500.00
Training: Regional/Financial	\$ 487.50	\$500.00	\$12.50
Scholarships	\$ -	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
State Convention 2023	\$ 6,058.67	\$35,000.00	\$20,806.07
State Convention 2024	\$ 8,135.26		
Total Program Support	\$ 43,837.67	\$150,550.00	\$106,712.33
Total Disbursements	\$64,711.62	\$185,710.00	
2023-24 Income minus 2023-24 Disbursements	\$ 97,243.11		

Carry Over to 2024-2025 \$ 377,761.76

Owed to NPTA for June 2024 \$ 4,704.75

Prepared by Bruce O. Butz, Free State PTA Corp. Treasurer

FREE STATE PTA
FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

MARTAK ACCOUNTING SERVICES, LLC

No extracts from this report may be published without our written consent.

Martak Accounting services, LLC

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Free State PTA
Baltimore, Maryland

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Free State PTA (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position - net assets as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Free State PTA as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis of Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of Free State PTA and to meet my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Free State PTA's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, I:

- * Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- * Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- * Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's, internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- * Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- * Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Free State PTA's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that I identified during the audit.

Martak Accounting Services LLC

Martak Accounting Services, LLC

Nottingham, Maryland

March 15, 2024

FREE STATE PTA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - NET ASSETS
June 30, 2023

	2023
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 285,220
Accounts receivable, net	8,733
Prepaid expenses	3,031
Property and equipment, net	5,175
Total Assets	\$ 302,159
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY - NET ASSETS	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,635
Due to NPTA	3,469
Deferred revenue	3,509
Total Liabilities	8,613
NET ASSETS	
Without donor restriction	293,546
Total Equity - Net Assets	293,546
Total Liabilities and Equity - Net Assets	\$ 302,159

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

FREE STATE PTA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN EQUITY - NET ASSETS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>2023</u>
OPERATIONS	
Revenues, gains, and other support	
Membership dues	\$ 150,960
Donation income	6,494
Conference fees	5,001
Other income	<u>1,932</u>
Total revenues, gains, and other support	<u>164,387</u>
 Expenses	
Program services	
Membership	1,904
Reflections	4,684
Conventions	3,184
Leadership and Training	7,654
Legislative Advocacy	<u>8,734</u>
Total program services	26,160
Supporting Services	
Administrative and general	<u>1,717</u>
Total supporting services	1,717
Total operating expenses	<u>27,877</u>
Total net operating income	136,510
 CHANGES IN EQUITY - NET ASSETS	
Equity - net assets, beginning	<u>157,036</u>
Equity - net assets, ending	<u><u>\$ 293,546</u></u>

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FREE STATE PTA
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Membership	Reflections	Conventions	Leadership and Training	Legislative Advocacy	Total Program	Administrative and General	2023 Total
Expenses								
Technology costs	\$ 142	\$ 142	\$ 142	\$ 497	\$ 213	\$ 1,136	\$ 284	\$ 1,420
Conference registration	-	-	1,021	2,042	2,042	5,105	-	5,105
Conference supplies	-	-	1,304	2,607	2,607	6,518	-	6,518
Reflection awards	-	3,825	-	-	-	3,825	-	3,825
Insurance costs	13	13	13	44	19	102	25	127
Postage costs	36	36	36	127	55	290	73	363
Local PTA start up costs	786	-	-	-	-	786	-	786
Consulting costs	100	100	100	350	150	800	200	1,000
License fees	40	40	40	140	60	320	80	400
Board expenses	528	528	528	1,847	792	4,223	1,055	5,278
Legislative advocacy costs	-	-	-	-	2,796	2,796	-	2,796
Membership costs	259	-	-	-	-	259	-	259
Total expenses	\$ 1,904	\$ 4,684	\$ 3,184	\$ 7,654	\$ 8,734	\$ 26,160	\$ 1,717	\$ 27,877

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

FREE STATE PTA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Changes in equity - net assets	\$ 136,510
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Donation of fixed assets	(5,175)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	(8,733)
Due from NPTA	138,181
Prepaid expenses and deposits	1,453
Accounts payable	1,635
Due to NPTA	(14,996)
Deferred revenue	3,509
	252,384
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Net cash provided by investing activities	-
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Net cash provided by financing activities	-
 NET INCREASE IN CASH	 252,384
 Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of the year	 32,836
 Cash and cash equivalents - end of the year	 \$ 285,220

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

FREE STATE PTA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

Note 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization

Free State PTA, Corp ("Free State PTA") was formed in April of 2021 in the state of Maryland, as a Charitable and Educational Corporation within the meaning of 501(C)(3). Their mission is focused on improving lives of students in the state of Maryland by serving as an affiliate of the National Parents and Teachers Association ("NPTA").

Free State PTA is a state level branch of the NPTA, representing parents, teachers, students, and community members. Free State PTA works to promote the welfare of children and youth, fostering collaboration between parents, educators, and stakeholders to enhance education and well-being.

Free State PTA engages in various activities such as advocating for educated-related policies, providing resources and programs for parents and teachers, supporting school improvement efforts, and organization events that encourage family involvement in education. Free State PTA plays a significant role in connecting local PTAs across the state, amplifying their collective voice, and striving to create a positive impact on education and children's lives in Maryland.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Under the accrual basis of accounting, support and revenue are recorded when earned and expenses when incurred.

Net assets, revenue and expenses are classified on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Net assets with donor restrictions consist of assets whose use is limited by donor-imposed time and/or purpose restrictions.

Accounts Receivable

Receivables are reported at the amount management expects to collect on balances outstanding at year-end. Management closely monitors outstanding balances and write off as of year-end, all balances that are believed to be uncollectible by the time the financial statements are issued.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the allowance method for accounting for bad debts, but management has determined that the difference between the two methods is not material and the balances remaining at June 30, 2023 are collectible.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization considers all highly liquid instruments with an original maturity of three months or less and any certificates of deposit that do not contain a material early withdrawal penalties, to be cash equivalents.

Prepaid Assets

The Organization expenses prepaid assets over the life of the asset.

Fixed Assets

Property, equipment and improvements are carried at cost. Donated property and equipment are carried at fair value on the date the asset was contributed. Major additions over \$500 are capitalized while replacements, maintenance and repairs that do not improve or extend the lives of the respective assets, are expensed currently. Depreciation is computed over the estimated useful lives of the related assets by the straight-line method, which ranges from 3 to 5 years.

Cost Allocation

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, these expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include technology costs, board expenses insurance, supplies, and postage which are allocated on estimates of time and effort.

Donated Goods and Services

The Organization recognizes donated services that create or enhance nonfinancial assets or that require specialized skills. Donated services of specialized skills are provided by individuals possessing skills that would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. The amount recorded as in-kind is based on the amount of money the Organization would have to pay if it were to purchase these services. The board of directors donated approximately 5,200 hours during the year ended June 30, 2023.

Income Tax Status

The Organization is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (Code) and comparable State Law, and contributions to it are tax deductible within the limitations prescribed by the Code. The Organization has been classified as a publicly supported organization, which is not a private foundation under Section 509(a) of the Code.

The Organization follows the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Codification, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. The topic requires the Organization to recognize or disclose any tax position that would result in unrecognized tax benefits. The Organization has no positions that would require disclosure or recognition under the topic. The Organization's income tax returns for fiscal years after June 30, 2021 are subject to examination by the IRS and state taxing authorities.

Revenue Recognition

On July 1, 2020, the Organization adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*. The ASU and all subsequently issued clarifying ASU's replaced most existing revenue recognition in the accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. The ASU also expended certain required disclosures relating to the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with funding sources and consumers. The standard's core principle is that an entity will recognize revenue when the organization transfers the promised goods and or services to its consumers in an amount that reflects the consideration in which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those services.

Grants and Contributions

Grants are generally considered conditional contributions, recognized as revenue as the initial conditions to the Organization are overcome. The principle restrictions thereafter are attached to certain of these awards is that the Organization must generally incur cost in accordance with the State of Maryland's COMAR rules and Topics, and or satisfy any additional restrictions as may be set forth in the grant awards prior to such costs being determined to be allowable and or reimbursed.

Incurred costs which have been determined to satisfy the terms of these awards including their respective underlying rules and regulations and which are considered realizable are recognized as revenue at that point in time. Awards which have not as yet been satisfied are treated as donor restricted net assets if such funds meet the criteria set forth as required by the *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations Topics* of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC), or as deferred revenue, if an advance may be subject to refund.

Grants Receivable

Grants receivable generally represent amounts due related to grants and program events and are recorded at their estimated net realizable values based upon individual account balances. Accordingly, an allowance for doubtful accounts receivables is not considered necessary.

Membership Revenues

Revenues derived from membership fees are deferred and recognized as revenue during the applicable membership period. Refundable advances received for certain grants and programs are also deferred and recognized as revenue upon the applicable grant period or program being provided. Fees are charged at \$2.00 per member for the year ended June 30, 2023

Due to NPTA

Free State PTA, collects membership fees for the National PTA as part of their collections of membership fees from the local PTA's. These fees are forwarded back to the National PTA subsequent to receiving the fee's from the local PTA's. Fees are charged at \$2.25 per member for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Note 2. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Organization entered into a lease for a virtual office space subsequent to year end on August 31, 2023. The lease is for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2025. There was no lease commitment prior to June 30, 2023

Note 3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The organization received donated property during the year ended June 30, 2023 from their affiliate NPTA. The property is maintained into storage until a new office will be leased, therefore, no depreciation of the assets will be expensed until the property is in use.

Property and equipment for the Organization consisted of the following:

	<u>2023</u>
Furniture and fixtures in storage	<u>5,771</u>
Total fixed assets	\$ 5,771
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>-</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u><u>\$ 5,771</u></u>

Note 4. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash deposits. Accounts at banking institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to certain limits. At June 30, 2023 has cash concentrations in the amount of approximately \$35,000 that exceeded the FDIC limits.

Note 5. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

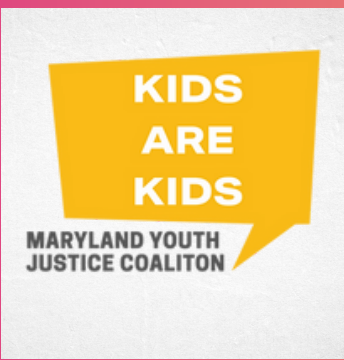
In preparing these financial statements, the Organization has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through March 15, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no additional events or transactions that were discovered during the evaluation that required further disclosure.

Note 6. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The Organization's financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year of the Statement of Financial Position - Net Assets date are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 285,220
Accounts receivable	8,733
Prepaid assets	<u>3,031</u>
Financial assets at June 30	296,984
Less:	
Funds not available for general use expenditures within one year.	<u>-</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	<u><u>\$ 296,984</u></u>

As part of the Organization's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due.



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Yvonne Johnson is the 58th president of National PTA and serves to support the mission and vision of PTA on behalf of all children. She is committed to being intentional with PTA's effort to be more inclusive, diverse and equitable and will focus the association on strengthening family and school partnerships.

Johnson has previously served as National PTA president-elect (2021-2023), vice president of advocacy (2019-2021), chair of the NCAAC and Governance Policy Committee. She was first elected to the National PTA



Board of Directors in 2015 and has also served on the Resolutions (2015-2019) and Field Service (2013-2015) Committees. Johnson has been involved in PTA for nearly 30 years, serving in her home state of Delaware at the local, region and state PTA levels in many capacities, including state president (2001-2013).

Johnson's passion is advocacy. Her personal motto is, "Never underestimate the power of a parent's voice!" She has worked closely with elected officials and decision-makers for years, making a difference in the lives of all children. Johnson has successfully assisted in passing many education bills in Delaware and received the National PTA 2014 Shirley Igo Award for leading a grassroots advocacy campaign around inclusive classrooms in a local school district.

During her term as National PTA vice president of advocacy, Johnson was the directing arm of all advocacy issues and served as the voice for families around education issues. In 2021, she and the Legislation Committee hosted National PTA's first ever virtual legislative conference and led the effort to form the Public Policy Platform for the 117th Congress.

Johnson is the recipient of various recognitions for her work with the Delaware General Assembly including resolutions and proclamations presented to her by the governor and lieutenant governor—as well as the Delaware Senate and House of Representatives—for her advocacy work around education issues.

Professionally, Johnson is an independent consultant who works with local school districts on school board reform and community outreach. She is married to John and has three children, Ross (Stephanie), Jessica, and Derrick (Melody), and a grandson, Crew.

FREE STATE PTA

Board of Directors

President	Gerrod Tyler
President-Elect	Traci Tatum
Vice President for Leadership	Marla Posey-Moss
Vice President for Advocacy	Elisabeth “Beth” Jarrett
Vice President for Field Services	Halima “Lima” Abdullah
Vice President for Membership	Vacant
Secretary	Ashley Cotton
Treasurer	Bruce Butz
Director of Programs	Najlaa Richard
Director at Large – Areas with a Council	Katrina Jones
Director at Large – Areas without a Council	Reshma “Rae” Sinanan-Hill
Youth Representative	Laila Bityeki

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County Council Presidents

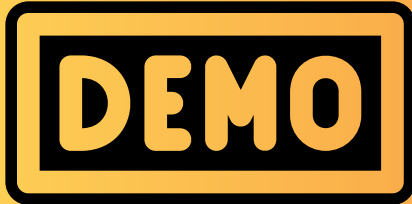
Anne Arundel County Council of PTAs (AACCPA)	Kristine Crandall
PTA Council of Baltimore City (PTABC)	Deborah Demery
PTA Council of Baltimore County (BCPTAC)	Leslie Weber
Frederick County PTA (FCPTA)	Najlaa Richard
Hartford County Council PTA (HCC-PTA)	Aletha “Renee” DeBiase
PTA Council of Howard County PTA (PTACHC)	Terri Marcus
Montgomery County Council of PTA (MCCPTA)	Brigid Howe

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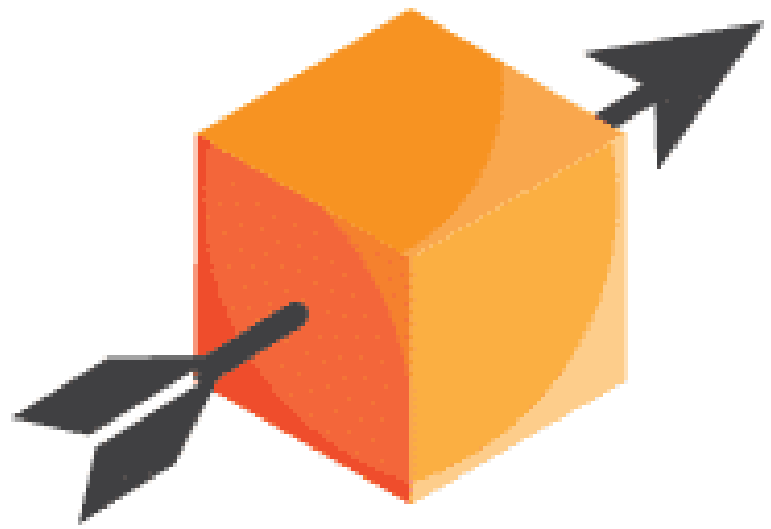
Governance

Advocacy Committee	Beth Jarrett, Matta Zeinali, Marla Posey Moss, Laura Stewart, Traci Tatum, Kamilah House
Field Service Committee	Lima Abdullah, Lisa Crittenden, Jennifer Tiedeman, Rae Sinanan-Hill, Katrina Jones
Finance Committee	Bruce Butz, Ashley Cotton, Rae Sinanan-Hill, Traci Tatum
Governance Committee	Traci Tatum, Robert Reschly, Michael Sedgewick, Bruce Butz
Leadership Committee	Marla Posey-Moss, Tammy Fraley, Genie Massey, Matta Zeinali, Cynthia Simonson, Korin Sharp, Traci Tatum, Sheena Robinson
Programs Committee	Najlaa Richard, Carol Ellis, Robert Reschly
AD-HOC COMMITTEES	
Convention	Tawanna Stokes, Shaton Berry, Laila Bityeki, Ashley Cotton, Katrina Jones, Rotanda Tate-Duffy
Communications	Ashley Cotton, Skylar Edgecombe, Katrina Jones, Ty Mongal
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice	Lima Abdullah, Ashley Cotton, Katrina Jones, Keya Sau
Outreach Committee	Rae Sinanan-Hill, Traci Tatum, Ashley Cotton, Katrina Jones
Technology	Katrina Jones, Rae Sinanan-Hill, Ashley Cotton
Youth Engagement	Laila Bityeki, Traci Tatum

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Workshop Descriptions

<p>DEI and Why It's Important Yvonne Johnson, National PTA</p>	<p>The PTA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Workshop is a transformative training dedicated to fostering an inclusive and equitable PTA and school community. This workshop addresses critical topics such as cultural competency, unconscious bias, and inclusive practices in education. Through interactive sessions, participants will engage in meaningful discussions to gain diverse perspectives. Our National PTA President, Yvonne Johnson, will provide actionable strategies for creating an inclusive environment where all students, parents, and staff feel valued and supported. Attendees will leave with a deeper awareness of DEI issues and practical tools to champion equity and inclusion within their PTA and broader school community.</p>
<p>Financial Training (SOA Requirement) Bruce Butz</p>	<p>The PTA Financial Training Workshop is a vital program designed to empower PTA treasurers and officers with the knowledge and tools necessary to manage their association's finances effectively. This workshop covers key topics such as budgeting, financial reporting, fundraising compliance, and audit preparation. Participants will learn best practices for maintaining accurate records, safeguarding funds, and ensuring transparency and accountability within their PTA. Led by Bruce Butz, the Free State PTA Treasurer, the training will help attendees confidently navigate financial responsibilities. By the end of the workshop, PTA members will be equipped with the skills to oversee their organization's financial health and support their school's initiatives with integrity and confidence.</p>
<p>GiveBacks Gena Ward</p>	<p>Join us for an engaging Givebacks workshop where we will explore the various ways PTA members can leverage fundraising partnerships to benefit their schools and communities. This session will provide practical strategies for maximizing Givebacks opportunities, including tips on building strong relationships with local businesses and effectively promoting fundraising events. Participants will learn how to implement successful Givebacks programs that not only raise funds but also foster community support and involvement. Whether you are a seasoned fundraiser or new to the PTA, this workshop will equip you with the tools and insights needed to enhance your organization's fundraising efforts.</p>
<p>Building a Culture of Health in Your School Community Kate Poole</p>	<p>This workshop will give an overview of the American Heart Association's turn-key school programs, Kids Heart Challenge and American Heart Challenge. These programs are free for all schools and provides free lessons, tools, and activities to support both mental and physical well-being for participating schools to share with your students, staff and families. Through each program, families will learn the lifesaving skill of hands-only CPR and the warning signs of a stroke. In addition to providing a community-service program with financial benefits back to your school, our complementary curriculum aligns with Maryland Standards of Learning.</p>
<p>Expand the "T" in PTA Skylar Edgecombe</p>	<p>While some schools have active teacher participants, others have waning membership levels. PTAs are much stronger when teachers' influence, experiences, and talents are leveraged. This workshop will identify key actions that PTA leadership can utilize to increase instructional staff involvement and, by extension, strengthen the organization as a whole.</p>

Workshop Descriptions

<p>Boardmanship (SOA Requirement) Traci Tatum</p>	<p>The PTA Boardmanship Workshop is an essential training designed to enhance the leadership skills and governance knowledge of PTA board members. This workshop focuses on the core responsibilities of board members, and effective decision-making. Participants will gain insights into fostering collaborative board dynamics, understanding fiduciary duties, and ensuring compliance with bylaws and regulations. Through interactive discussions and practical exercises, attendees will learn to navigate common challenges, engage in constructive dialogue, and drive the PTA's mission forward. By the end of the session, board members will be well-prepared to lead with confidence, ensuring their PTA operates efficiently and effectively in supporting their school community.</p>
<p>Membership Engagement Strategies Yvonne Johnson, National PTA</p>	<p>The PTA Membership and Engagement Strategies Workshop is an interactive event focused on enhancing the effectiveness and reach of PTAs. Designed for PTA leaders and members, this workshop provides actionable insights into recruiting and retaining members, fostering inclusive and diverse participation, and creating impactful engagement initiatives. Participants will explore best practices for communication, event planning, and leveraging social media to build a strong and active PTA community. Through collaborative discussions, attendees will leave equipped with innovative strategies to boost membership, drive engagement, and support the educational and social development of their school communities.</p>
<p>Parliamentary Procedures Kelly Lucas, Free State Parliamentarian</p>	<p>The PTA Parliamentary Procedures Workshop is a comprehensive training session aimed at equipping PTA leaders and members with the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct effective and orderly meetings. This workshop delves into the principles of parliamentary procedure, offering guidance on Robert's Rules of Order, the standard for facilitating discussions and decision-making processes in meetings. Participants will learn how to prepare agendas, manage motions, handle votes, and ensure fair and democratic participation. Through practical exercises and expert-led discussions, attendees will gain confidence in their ability to maintain structure and efficiency in PTA meetings, fostering a more productive and collaborative environment for achieving the association's goals.</p>
<p>Validating Our Children and Youth as a Preventive Measure - Humanistic Psychology Applied Dr. Kenya Coleman, LICSW, LICSW-C</p>	<p>Data overwhelmingly demonstrates that our children and youth are in crisis. Violence has increased, school attendance is at an all-time low, and substance use has increased significantly. Children and youth are not functioning optimally. Why? People can not function at their highest level until their basic needs are met, they are safe, feel good about themselves, and have a sense of belonging. This is the argument of Abraham Maslow, one of the forefathers of humanistic psychology. His hierarchy of needs argues that we can not be the best version of ourselves when we are hungry, fearful, unsure, or otherwise preoccupied. These are all feelings currently endorsed by children and youth at record numbers. In this session, we will review Maslow's hierarchy of needs and discuss how the theoretical underpinnings can help caring adults and youth facing organizations address their post- pandemic demand for whole child engagement.</p>

Workshop Descriptions

<p>Tech and PTA Katrina Jones</p>	<p>The Tech and PTA Workshop is a dynamic training designed to bridge the gap between technology and PTA's, empowering parents, educators, and students with essential digital skills. The workshop features information on technologies for meeting, digital security, financial management and communication. This workshop aims to foster a supportive community where parents and teachers can collaborate and work efficiently using technology.</p>
<p>President Cerrod Tyler</p>	<p>The PTA President Workshop is a specialized training session designed to equip current and aspiring PTA presidents with the leadership skills and knowledge necessary to effectively guide their associations. This workshop covers essential topics such as strategic planning, team building, meeting facilitation, and community engagement. Participants will learn how to set clear goals, delegate responsibilities, and foster a collaborative environment within the PTA. With insights from experienced PTA leaders and interactive exercises, attendees will gain practical tools to address common challenges, inspire their teams, and drive meaningful initiatives that benefit students and the school community. By the end of the workshop, PTA presidents will be prepared to lead with confidence, vision, and impact.</p>
<p>Secretary Ashley Cotton</p>	<p>The PTA Secretary Workshop is an essential training session designed to enhance the skills and effectiveness of PTA secretaries in their pivotal role. This workshop covers the fundamentals of accurate record-keeping, minute-taking, and managing official PTA documentation. Participants will learn best practices for organizing meetings, preparing agendas, and ensuring clear and concise communication among members. Through interactive exercises and expert guidance, attendees will gain practical experience in maintaining efficient and transparent records, as well as strategies for managing correspondence and supporting the PTA leadership team. By the end of the workshop, secretaries will be well-prepared to contribute to the smooth operation and success of their PTA.</p>
<p>AIM insurance</p>	<p>Join us for an informative AIM Insurance workshop where attendees will gain valuable insights into protecting their PTA organizations with comprehensive insurance coverage. This session will cover essential topics such as liability protection, property coverage, and risk management strategies tailored specifically for PTAs. Our expert presenters will guide you through the nuances of different insurance options, explain the importance of adequate coverage, and provide practical tips for mitigating potential risks. Whether you're new to PTA leadership or looking to enhance your organization's insurance policies, this workshop will equip you with the knowledge and tools needed to safeguard your PTA's future.</p>

Workshop Descriptions

How to Advocate for Your Community

Laura Stewart and Beth Jarrett

The PTA How to Advocate for Your Community Workshop is a dynamic training designed to empower parents, teachers, and community members with the skills and knowledge to effectively advocate for educational and social issues impacting their communities. This workshop covers essential advocacy strategies, including understanding legislative processes, building coalitions, and effectively communicating with policymakers and stakeholders. Participants will engage in interactive sessions to develop their advocacy skills and create actionable plans. Expert speakers will provide insights on current issues, successful advocacy campaigns, and how to mobilize community support. By the end of the workshop, attendees will be equipped with the tools and confidence to champion positive change and influence policies that benefit their schools and neighborhoods.

Effective Event Planning

Rae Sinanan-Hill

The PTA Effective Event Planning Workshop is a practical and engaging session designed to equip PTA members with the skills and strategies needed to organize successful and memorable events for their school community. This workshop covers the entire event planning process from initial concept and budgeting to promotion, logistics, and post-event evaluation. Participants will learn how to set clear objectives, recruit volunteers, secure resources, and manage timelines effectively. Interactive discussions and case studies will provide insights into overcoming common challenges and optimizing event outcomes. By the end of the workshop, attendees will have the tools and confidence to plan and execute events that foster school spirit, engagement, and support for educational initiatives within their community.



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2023-2024 National PTA Reflections Winners

Name	County	National Award	Age	Arts Area	School	Title
Charlotte Evans	Baltimore	Award of Excellence	Inter.	Dance Choreography	Rodgers Forge ES PTA	Feel the Music
Elliott Cheung	Montgomery	Award of Excellence	Primary	Film Production	Farmland Elementary School PTA	Hope for a Cleaner Environment
Aadya Rai	Howard	Award of Merit	Middle	Music Composition	Clarksville MS PTA	Ripples of Hope
Madalyn Rogers	Montgomery	Award of Merit	Inter.	Music Composition	William Tyler Page ES PTA	Hopeful
Emma Zou	Montgomery	Award of Excellence	High	Music Composition	Poolesville HS PTSA	A Life of Bella Donna
Lauren Chiu	Montgomery	Award of Merit	High	Photography	Albert Einstein HS PTSA	Down by 10
Kaitlynn Hotrabhavananda	Howard	Award of Merit	Inter.	Photography	Dayton Oaks ES PTA	Learning From Our Mistakes Creates a Stronger World

2023-2024 Free State PTA Reflections Winners

Dance Choreography

Student Name	Grade Division	Award	Title of Work	School PTA/PTSA Name
Elaine Ma	Primary	Outstanding Interpretation	My Time On Ice	Wilson Wims ES
Sophia Zhang	Primary	Award of Excellence	Joyful	Tridadelphia Ridge ES
Ava Pielert	Primary	Award of Merit	Be Brave	Meadowvale ES
Charlotte Evans	Intermediate	Outstanding Interpretation	Feel the Music	Rodgers Forge ES
Stella Pfaff	Intermediate	Award of Excellence	Dance with Hope	Rock Creek Valley ES
Madison Hurdle	Intermediate	Award of Merit	Soon You'll Get Better	North Bend ES
Julianna Gibson	Middle	Outstanding Interpretation	Dream It Possible	Mount View MS
Grace Ziegler	Middle	Award of Excellence	Girls Can Stick Together	Hereford MS
Kerry McCadden	Middle	Award of Merit	Hope is always there	Southampton MS
Daniela Martinez	High	Outstanding Interpretation	I'm Here	Poolesville HS
Isabella Donato	High	Award of Excellence	Say Something Against Climate Change	Winston Churchill HS
Josiah Brion	High	Award of Merit	Looking at the Bright Side	Towson HS

2023-2024 Free State PTA Reflections Winners

Film Production				
Student Name	Grade Division	Award	Title of Work	School PTA/PTSA Name
Elliott Cheung	Primary	Outstanding Interpretation	Hope For A Cleaner Environment	Farmland ES
Cameron Bubeck	Primary	Award of Excellence	Family Hike	Hollifield Station ES
Eliot Reed	Primary	Award of Merit	The Human and Animal Group	Ring Factory ES
Polina Rohozynsky	Intermediate	Outstanding Interpretation	Hope and Strength in Face of Adversity	Farmland ES
Ariyana Beckman	Intermediate	Award of Excellence	What Makes People Hopeful?	Centennial Lane ES
Fair Thornton	Intermediate	Award of Merit	The Race	Emmorton ES
Ella Freda	Middle	Outstanding Interpretation	My Sister Through My Journey...	Bel Air MS
James McJilton	Middle	Award of Excellence	Making Lives Better with Technology	Southampton MS
Juno Seigel	Middle	Award of Merit	The Hope in the World	Eastern MS
Vittal Rajagopalan	High	Outstanding Interpretation	Windows	Poolesville HS
Evelyn Johnson	High	Award of Excellence	Hope on Stage	Middletown HS
Prettlophine Cotton	High	Award of Merit	Imaginative	Albert Einstein HS

2023-2024 Free State PTA Reflections Winners

Literature

Student Name	Grade Division	Award	Title of Work	School PTA/PTSA Name
Morgan Kress	Primary	Outstanding Interpretation	God's Sunrise	North Bend ES
Mekylah Lebruin	Primary	Award of Excellence	Things I Want to Happen	Carroll Manor ES
Jaxon Walrath	Primary	Award of Merit	Snowy the Snowman	Red Pump ES
Nathaniel Fitzgerald	Intermediate	Outstanding Interpretation	How I Found Hope	Meadowvale ES
Sylvie Yao	Intermediate	Award of Excellence	I Am A Small Flower	Wayside ES
Gabrielle Giles	Intermediate	Award of Merit	Wade's Diary	Homestead-Wakefield ES
Lamiah Ahmad	Middle	Outstanding Interpretation	The World Will Get Better	Folly Quarter MS
Sandhya Lakshmanan	Middle	Award of Excellence	Just a Sliver of Hope	Hallie Wells MS
Annita Bangalore	Middle	Award of Merit	The Little Things in Life	Herbert Hoover MS
Rhema Yang	High	Outstanding Interpretation	The Women That Came Before Me	Atholton HS
Ella Wang	High	Award of Excellence	The Power of Hope: A Journey Towards Happiness	River Hill HS
Sonora Greer	High	Award of Merit	Glove	Winston Churchill HS
Shriyans Ganji	Special Artist	Outstanding Interpretation	The Life Of a Boy	Lyons Mill ES

2023-2024 Free State PTA Reflections Winners

Music Composition				
Student Name	Grade Division	Award	Title of Work	School PTA/PTSA Name
Calvin Curran	Primary	Outstanding Interpretation	The Meadow	Dayton Oaks ES
Jolina Pang	Primary	Award of Excellence	Tree of Hope	Clarksville ES
Gabriella Zhao	Primary	Award of Merit	Sunrise	Centennial Lane ES
Madalyn Rogers	Intermediate	Outstanding Interpretation	Hopeful	William Tyler Page ES
Joshua Brion	Intermediate	Award of Excellence	Hear Me Call Out To You	Hampton ES
Naomi Lanman	Intermediate	Award of Merit	A Brand New Day	Farmland ES
Aadya Rai	Middle	Outstanding Interpretation	Ripples of Hope	Clarksville MS
August McFeaters	Middle	Award of Excellence	Etude No. 1	Herbert Hoover MS
Kate Min	Middle	Award of Merit	Morning Glory	Patapsco MS
Emma Zou	High	Outstanding Interpretation	A Life of Belladonna	Poolesville HS
Advik Rai	High	Award of Excellence	Vicissitudes	River Hill HS
Jillian Dove	High	Award of Merit	You Give Me Hope	Poolesville HS

2023-2024 National PTA Reflections Winners

Photography

Student Name	Grade Division	Award	Title of Work	School PTA/PTSA Name
Walter Fliehman	Primary	Outstanding Interpretation	Tree in the Sun	Tridadelphia Ridge ES
Patrick Awad	Primary	Award of Excellence	The Beacon Light	Orchard Grove ES
Naomi Olorunnishola	Primary	Award of Merit	My Future Is Bright	Lyons Mill ES
Kaitlynn Hotrabhavananda	Intermediate	Outstanding Interpretation	Learning From Our Mistakes Creates a Stronger World	Dayton Oaks ES
Charlotte Miller	Intermediate	Award of Excellence	Fly	Youth's Benefit ES
Charlotte Reeder	Intermediate	Award of Merit	The Future is in Our Hands	South Shore ES
Sree Saranya Ganti	Middle	Outstanding Interpretation	Petals of Hope	Mount View MS
Kareena Saywack	Middle	Award of Excellence	Cycle of Change	Cockeysville MS
Alex Aguilar	Middle	Award of Merit	Hope	Mount View MS
Lauren Chiu	High	Outstanding Interpretation	Down by 10	Albert Einstein HS
Brady Burke	High	Award of Excellence	Doing Better	Towson HS
Ella Wang	High	Award of Merit	Hope in the Canyon	River Hill HS

2023-2024 National PTA Reflections Winners

Visual Arts

Student Name	Grade Division	Award	Title of Work	School PTA/PTSA Name
Jesaiah Motley	Primary	Outstanding Interpretation	I Am Hopeful for His Hand	East Silver Spring ES
Audrey Lupitskyy	Primary	Award of Excellence	I Have a Nice Family	Veterans ES
Safia Casbarro	Primary	Award of Merit	Pieces of Love	Luxmanor ES
Yun-Pei Deng	Intermediate	Outstanding Interpretation	Wings of Hope	Clarksville ES
James Pang	Intermediate	Award of Excellence	Wash Away Mistakes	Clarksville ES
Ryan Sun	Intermediate	Award of Merit	World Friendship	Clarksville ES
Nalla Ware	Middle	Outstanding Interpretation	Light in the Darkness	Bel Air MS
Neema Jones	Middle	Award of Excellence	Dream	Elkridge Landing MS
Rian Cross	Middle	Award of Merit	My Mother	Hammond MS
Alice Han Chen	High	Outstanding Interpretation	Tomorrow's Promise	River Hill HS
Mia Greenberg	High	Award of Excellence	Endless	Towson HS
Elisabeth Min	High	Award of Merit	I Am the Tiger	Mount Hebron HS
Shriyans Ganji	Special Artist	Outstanding Interpretation	The Life of a Boy	Lyons Mill ES
Sona Aslan	Special Artist	Award of Excellence	My Dream	Ridgely MS
Naiyah Berry	Special Artist	Award of Merit	Reaching the Stars	Renaissance Academy HS



Congratulations!

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Your dedication to delivering enriching and engaging programs for your students and families is truly commendable and inspiring.



PTA Name	City	State
Diamond Elementary PTA	Gaithersburg	Maryland
Imagine Andrews PTA, Inc.	Joint Base Andrews	Maryland
Jacksonville Elementary PTA	Phoenix	Maryland
Little Bennett Elementary School PTA	Clarksburg	Maryland
Mount Harmony Elementary PTA	Owings	Maryland
Pointers Run Elementary School PTA	Clarksville	Maryland
Reisterstown Elementary PTA	Reisterstown	Maryland
Seven Oaks Elementary School PTA	Odenton	Maryland
Seven Oaks Elementary PTA	Baltimore	Maryland
Talbott Springs Elementary PTA	Columbia	Maryland



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PTA Name	City	State
Lothian Elementary PTA	Lothian	Maryland
Rock Creek Forest Elementary PTA	Chevy Chase	Maryland

**Fall 2023 PTA Connected: Build Up and Belong Grant Recipients
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PTA Name	City	State
Mount Hebron High School PTSA	Ellicott City	Maryland
Wheaton High School PTSA	Silver Spring	Maryland
Oakland Mills High PTSA	Columbia	Maryland

**Fall 2023 PTA Connected: The Smart Talk Grant Recipients
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PTA Name	City	State
Eastern Middle School PTA	Silver Spring	Maryland
Elkridge Landing Middle PTA	Elkridge	Maryland
Monarch Academy Public Charter School PTA	Glen Burnie	Maryland



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PTA Name	City	State
Maya Angelou French Immersion PTSA	Temple Hills	Maryland



**Fall 2023 Tobacco Prevention Campaign Grant Recipients
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PTA Name	City	State
Aberdeen Middle PTA	Aberdeen	Maryland

**Fall 2023 PTA Healthy Minds Grant Recipients
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PTA Name	City	State
Cabin Branch Elementary School PTA, Inc.	Clarksburg	Maryland
John F. Kennedy Senior High School PTSA	Silver Spring	Maryland
Renaissance Academy High School PTSA	Baltimore	Maryland
Robert Frost Middle PTSA	Rockville	Maryland
St. John's Lane Elementary PTA	Ellicott City	Maryland
William H. Farquhar Middle School PTA	Olney	Maryland



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PTA Name	City	State
Bells Mill Elementary PTA	Potomac	Maryland
Capitol Heights Elementary PTSA	Capitol Heights	Maryland
Earle B. Wood Middle PTA	Rockville	Maryland
New Market Elementary PTA	New Market	Maryland
Oakwood Elementary PTA	Glen Burnie	Maryland
Sligo Middle PTA	Silver Spring	Maryland
Tracey's Elementary PTA	Tracys Landing	Maryland



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PTA Name	City	State
Bethesda Elementary PTA	Bethesda	Maryland
Glen Haven Elementary PTA	Silver Spring	Maryland
Overlook Elementary PTA	Temple Hills	Maryland
Oxon Hill High School PTA	Oxon Hill	Maryland
River Hill High School PTA	Clarksville	Maryland
S. Crista McAuliffe Elementary PTA	Germantown	Maryland
Springbrook Senior High School PTA	Silver Spring	Maryland
Thunder Hill Elementary PTA	Columbia	Maryland

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