2013 Kansas PTA Convention  
April 19 – 21, 2013  
Ramada Convention Center  
420 E 6th St, Topeka, KS 66607

Plan to attend the 99th Annual Kansas PTA State Convention in Topeka this year!!

Sign up early and receive a souvenir lapel pin with the convention logo!

Hear GREAT SPEAKERS! Attend GREAT WORKSHOPS! Bid at the SILENT AUCTION! Shop at the PTA STORE! Enjoy FOOD & FUN TIME! Network with PTA FRIENDS from across the state!

Come and join all your PTA Friends in Topeka as we kick off Kansas PTA’s 100th Anniversary!!

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Spring is just around the corner! This means wrapping up all the events of this year with your unit and starting the planning process for next year. Nominating committees will be presenting their reports in accordance to your unit’s standing rules and elections are being held. This is an extremely exciting time of year for PTA as we start looking to transitioning to the new term. You will find examples in the summer packet of the language your current PTA President should use when conducting the election of new officers. If you have any questions, please contact me, your Council President or your Regional Vice President.

Convention is almost upon us! Have you made plans to attend yet? Units should encourage their members to attend as it is a wonderful learning opportunity. It is a legitimate training expense for units and should be included in your budget. The convention committee has a great convention planned with educational workshops, networking opportunities and a lot of fun! We will be kicking off Kansas PTA’s 100th Anniversary at convention and recognizing many special people. A Kansas PTA Honorary Life Membership or a nomination to the Marjorie Holwick Wall of Fame are both meaningful ways to recognize special volunteers, teachers, parents and community members. Consider nominating someone today!

Please plan to join us in Topeka.

Tammy Bartels, Kansas PTA President

Membership Madness: Go! Grow! Score!

March is Membership Madness Month at PTA. Discover how your PTA can score up to $6,000 just by growing your membership. See the Building Today's PTA Contest Rules at www.pta.org. March is your last month to sign-up and report members before the buzzer sounds on March 31!

To help you share the news about Membership Madness month, pick up your web button by visiting the National PTA website. Add it to your PTA website, Facebook page, or tweet to encourage people to join PTA in March and help you win. You can also place the button on your local PTA join page or your existing membership contest web page.

Don’t forget to ask new members to activate their membership card and display the PTA decal. Don’t have PTA decals? PTA leaders can go to the website and order them for free. That’s a free throw you can’t miss!

Membership Growth Incentive Rules

- All PTA States that are in compliance with standards of affiliation are eligible to participate in the membership growth incentive contest. Local Units that are active, and have at least 10 reported members as of March 31, 2012 are eligible to participate in the contest. New Local Units added in the 2012-2013 membership year are not eligible to participate in this contest.

- The contest begins immediately and ends on March 31, 2013.

- The awards will be based on the parameters outlined in the award categories, comparing year-end members reported (March 31, 2012), to members reported at year-end 2013 (March 31, 2013).

- The awards will be announced and distributed at the 2013 NPTA Annual Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.
KANSAS PTA CONVENTION TIME!!
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Convention Packet – Have you received yours yet? Make sure to check out the Workshops being offered and sign up! Be sure to fill out your workshop choices when you return your registration form.

Special Guest Speakers – You don’t want to miss the exciting and excellent speakers scheduled to attend, including the Kansas Teacher of the Year! Come and enjoy the fun!

Region Meetings! Don’t forget to attend your Region Meeting Friday evening. Region VP’s for the 2013-2014 term will be elected during this meeting!

Election of New Kansas PTA Officers! This is an election year, nominees are listed in this issue and any individual wishing to run from the floor must notify the President in writing no later than March 19th. A reception for nominees will be held Saturday evening with music and refreshments.

Silent Auction! Have you thought about bringing an item for the Silent Auction this year? It’s easy – your item (or items) can be collectibles, crafts, gift items, household items, something you bought or that you had donated by a business. Just bring them to Tammy Wake, Silent Auction Chairman, on Friday (or as soon as you arrive at Convention) and she will take care of them. The items will be displayed on tables for open bidding. All monies benefit our Dollars to Scholars program.

Honor that special Volunteer or Educator! Don’t forget to honor them with a $10 donation at the Marjorie Holwick Kansas PTA Wall of Fame. The money will be donated to the Kansas PTA Scholarship Fund. The honored individuals will receive a letter from Kansas PTA announcing they were part of the Wall of Fame and who submitted their name. There will be a display at convention honoring them.

Kansas PTA 100th Anniversary Kick Off – 2014 is Kansas PTA’s 100th Anniversary and we will have several special things going on to help us hear up and kick off this important milestone. The past presidents will giving special presentations and much more!

We hope to see you in Topeka!
Remember to bring your donation, your checkbook and your enthusiasm!

Come join all your PTA Friends from across the State of Kansas for this wonderful Convention!

Monica Crow, 2013 Convention Chairman
Denise Sultz is nominated for the position of President-Elect

Denise is a current member of the Board of Directors for the National PTA and is finishing up her 3rd year of service which ends in June 2014. She serves as a member of the National PTA Field Services Committee and recently served on the Executive Director Review Committee. She currently serves as Vice President of Member Services for Kansas PTA and is the current chair of the Kansas PTA Nominating and Leadership Development Committee. She is also serving as Interim Region 6 Vice President. She chaired the 2012 KS PTA Convention. Denise has served as the chair of the Kansas PTA Audit Committee, and as Convention Workshop Chair. In addition, she has served on the Scholarship Committee, the Legislative Committee, the Resource Development Committee, and the Bylaws Committee.

At the local level Denise has done extensive work ranging from Chair of her Council's School of Instruction (yearly officer training) through President, Vice-President, and Treasurer of local units. On behalf of National PTA, Denise served for two years as the NPTA representative on the National Teacher Hall of Fame Search Committee and has served as the National Representative at the Iowa PTA State Convention.

Outside of PTA, Denise is an ambassador and participant in the Kansas City Corporate Challenge which is one of the largest city-wide corporate athletic competitions that takes place thru the months of May and June each year. She enjoys "getting in shape" to try to compete in the bike race, 5K, 100 and 400 track events, and in three swimming races. (No butterfly) For the sports she does not compete in, she enjoys being an Ambassador volunteering to assist other competitors at their events. She also enjoys playing bells in her church's handbell choir.

Denise has a Bachelor's degree in Management and Human Relations and an Associate's degree in Business. She uses those each day in her job as Staff Accountant for Centralized Showing Service. She and her husband David have three grown children, Keri, Lori, and Rob and son-in-law Jeff. The family is rounded out by their dog Laydie and feline friend Twist.

Sarah Baker is nominated for the position of Treasurer

Sarah is currently serving on the Kansas PTA Board as the Health and Wellness Chair, on the Shawnee Mission Area Council as the VP of Community Services, and as President of Overland Park Elementary PTA.

Sarah is finishing off her eighth year on local elementary boards having held several positions including Fundraising, Membership, and Cultural Arts. She has held countless local chair positions from Chat-N-Chew and Citizenship to Health Fairs and Silent Auctions. Sarah has taken several college accounting classes.

Sarah and her husband Chris live in Overland Park with their four children, Sebastian (17), Dylan (13), Lucy (3) and Alex (10 months).

Diana Fabac is nominated for the position of Secretary

Diana is currently the Kansas PTA Membership Chair. She has served as State Extension Chairman and assisted in starting 14 new units in one year. She has served on the state board as Unit Bylaws Review Chair and as Family Involvement Chair. Diana served on the Turner School District PTA Council as 1st Vice President for two years and Treasurer for one year. She has held the positions of President, Secretary, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President at the local level and is currently serving on two local boards in conjunction with her state work.

Besides her work in PTA, Diana has been a Girl Scout leader for the last 7 years. She is also the current Girl Scout Service Unit Manager for Wyandotte County. Diana volunteers annually at Westside Family Church in Lenexa serving approximately 600 children by helping in the kitchen during Vacation Bible School.

Diana and her husband James have been married 32 years and have two children. Matthew a freshman and Megan a sixth grade. Diana has worked for the Turner School District for 8 years as a Title 1 Para Educator at Junction Elementary School.
Karen Wagner is nominated for the position of Vice President of Advocacy

Karen was recently appointed to the VP of Advocacy position for the remainder of the 2011-2013 term. Prior to that she served as the Kansas PTA Legislative Co-Chairperson and is the immediate past President of the Shawnee Mission Area Council of PTA. She was President of the Council from 2010-2012 and has been involved in PTA for the last 17 years, serving as a President at all levels. She continues to serve in several capacities in the Council and in a local unit.

Karen is a graduate of Bismarck State College and received her Series Seven License through the Financial Industry Regulatory Association in 1990. She began her investment career at E.F. Hutton & Company in Bismarck. Her last employer was Merrill Lynch Pierce, Fenner & Smith - Wichita, Kansas, where she worked before relocating to Overland Park in 1992.

Karen is married to Dennis. They have three children, Laura a graduate of UMKC Bloch School of Business, Brett

Monica Crowe is nominated for the position of Vice President of Extension Services

Monica is currently the Kansas PTA Region 1 Vice President and the Chairman of the 2013 Kansas PTA Convention. Monica is also the current President of Eisenhower Middle School PTA. Monica is a former member of the Kansas PTA Nominating and Leadership Development Committee and served as Chair. Monica was first elected as Region 7 Vice President for the Kansas PTA before it was split between Region 7 and Region 1. Monica has been KCK Council PTA President as well as serving that council as Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and First and Second Vice President. She has also served as President, Treasurer, Secretary, and First and Second Vice President of at least 3 local PTA units, sometimes serving in different positions for multiple schools during their school years.

Monica is also a former active member of “The Dottes”, a group that is comprised of community members from Wyandotte County and brought together by The Regional Prevention Center. She has also been asked to serve on the Foundation for Excellence in KCK Schools and serves on the Good News Committee at Cabela’s. Monica is a regular attendee at KCK School Board meetings so she can stay informed.

Monica has been married to her husband Jeff for almost 27 years. They have 2 daughters, Kayla 24 and Melissa 14. Their extended family includes two dogs (Sage and Gizmo) and one cat (Catty). Monica is currently employed at Cabela’s and has been there for almost four years.

Josefina Gutierrez is nominated for the position of Vice president of Members Services

Josie is the current Kansas PTA Inclusiveness and Diversity Chair and has represented Kansas at the National PTA Emerging Minority Leaders Conference. She currently serves as the Turner School District PTA Council President. Josie started her PTA service as president and also treasurer at the Turner Early Learning Center. She has served as President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, and Corresponding and Recording Secretary for Junction Elementary PTA. Before serving as Turner Council President she was their Recording Secretary. Josie serves on several state committees including Early Childhood, Legislative and Family Involvement.

Outside of PTA Josie serves as a board member of the Turner Recreation Commission and is involved in Parents as Teachers in the Turner School District.

Josie was born and raised in El Paso Texas and is married to Jose Gutierrez. She moved to Kansas City 17 years ago and she and Jose have 4 wonderful children: Jose (5th), Martha (5th), Esmeralda (4th), and Steven (3rd). She has a degree in Business Administration and also in Cosmetology. After working managing a chain of Subways for 3 years, and working as an Executive Officer in Super Target for 10 years, Josie opened her own business as a Day Care provider and has been in the business for 4 years. Josie also helps with translating in the Turner School District.

Nominees for the Kansas PTA Nominating and Leadership Development Committee are:

Pam Smith, Debbie Lawson, and Jackie Waters
Kansas PTA Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is a great opportunity to donate to a worthy cause and have fun at the same time!

The Kansas PTA Silent Auction takes place every year at the annual Kansas PTA Convention. All proceeds from the Silent Auction go toward scholarships for future teacher educators within the state of Kansas. As the 2013 State Convention approaches, we want to encourage all Regions, Councils and Units to participate in this important event. Through the years many individuals, agencies and companies have put together various packages ranging from sports and entertainment baskets, crafts, handmade quilts and other wonderful items for our delegates to bid on.

Help us support future teachers in Kansas by allowing us to provide scholarships. If you would like to make a donation you can bring it to convention or contact the state office to be put in touch with someone who can receive the item in advance.

Region Meetings

Region meetings will be held on Friday night, April 19, 2013 at the Kansas PTA Convention in Topeka. The nominating committees from each region should be meeting to come up with a nominee for their Regional Vice President to present at the meeting. If you are interested in serving as a Regional VP, contact a member of the nominating committee. Your current Regional VP can direct you to the right people if you don’t know who is on your nominating committee. If you have any concerns or questions, please bring them to the region meeting. It is a great time to get to know others from your region and hear what local units are doing.

Hope to see all of you at the region meetings.

Awards Ceremony Announcement

Our students in Kansas participate in two educational programs throughout the year – the Kansas PTA Citizenship Program and National PTA’s Reflections Program.

Citizenship started in the early 70’s to encourage students in grades 5-9 to write either an essay or poetry piece on an issue or topic that is inspiring.

The National PTA Reflections Program has been around for nearly 40 years and is going as strong if not stronger than when first started. The Reflections Program encourages students to express their artistic ability in Film Production, Photography, Dance Choreography, Literature, Musical Composition or Visual Arts.

Come join us on March 23, 2013 at Mill Creek Middle School in Lenexa, KS as we recognize students for their entries to the Citizenship and Reflections Program. The Kansas PTA Board of Managers looks forward to a great day of meeting our students, parents and district officials in honoring our students’ achievements.

Kansas PTA Awards Ceremony
Saturday, March 26, 2011, 1:00 pm
Mill Creek Middle School
8001 Mize Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66227
Proposed Changes to the Kansas PTA State Bylaws

The Kansas PTA Board of Managers approved the following motions be voted on at the Kansas PTA Convention: "Move to adopt the amended ARTICLE VII: REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES", “Move to adopt the amended ARTICLE VIII: REGIONS OF THE KANSAS PTA”, and “Move to adopt the amended #ARTICLE XIII: LOCAL PTAs/PTSAs, Section 1”.

**ARTICLE VII: REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES**

**Present Form:**

**Section 1.** Region Vice Presidents shall be elected at Convention in odd years for a two (2) year term. Vice Presidents are eligible for two terms of office. If a vacancy should occur, the Board of Managers may fill that vacancy regardless of terms previously served.

**Section 2.** The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of a person to serve as a Regional Vice President of the Kansas PTA:

   a. Must reside in the region.

   b. Be a member of a local PTA or PTSA in the region.

   c. Experienced in PTA work, such as serving as a unit President, Council President, or in other offices or chairmanships.

**Section 3.** Regional vice presidents shall be nominated and elected at a Regional meeting. The Nominating Committee of each region shall consist of three (3) members from two (2) different councils or units, with two (2) alternates, elected at regional meeting the year preceding the election of the Regional Vice President, and shall designate the member of that committee to serve as chairman. The Regional Nominating Committee shall report at the business session of the regional meeting placing in nomination the names of not more than three persons for Regional Vice President, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. The Regional Vice President shall then be elected at the Regional meeting, and may be installed, and shall assume the duties July 1st.

**Section 4.** It shall be the duty of each Regional Vice President to administer, supervise and coordinate the work of the units and councils in the region in which they are elected; and to assume such other duties as may be delegated by the President of the Kansas PTA.

**Section 5.** The Board of Managers shall fill a vacancy occurring in a Regional Vice Presidency for the un-expired term. The President may fill any vacancy temporarily, until the next board meeting. A majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to fill the vacancy.

**Section 6.** A Regional Vice President may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the board members then in office. The request must be received in writing and come from the Executive Committee or at least ten members of the Board of Managers. Notice of the intended vote must be sent to all Board members at least ten days in advance of the meeting.

**Proposed Amendment:**

**Section 1.** Region Field Service Representatives shall be selected by majority consensus of the region members present at Convention in odd years for a two (2) year term. Field Service Representatives are eligible for two consecutive terms of office. If a vacancy should occur during the term or if no Field Service Representative is selected, the Kansas PTA President, with approval of the Executive Committee, may fill that vacancy regardless of terms previously served.

**Section 2.** The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of a person to serve as a Regional Field Service Representative of the Kansas PTA:

   a. Must reside in the region. If appointed by the President to fill a vacant position preference should be given to someone from the Region but may be filled by anyone able to perform the duties assigned.

   b. Be a member of a local PTA or PTSA.

   c. Experienced in PTA work, such as serving as a unit President, Council President, or in other offices or chairmanships.
Section 3. Regional Field Service Representatives shall assume their duties July 1st, or immediately after appointment if it occurs during the current term.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of each Regional Field Service Representative to administer, supervise and coordinate the work of the units and councils in the region in which they are charged; and to assume such other duties as may be delegated by the President of the Kansas PTA.

Section 5. A Regional Field Service Representative may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the board members then in office. The request must be received in writing and come from the Executive Committee or at least ten members of the Board of Managers. Notice of the intended vote must be sent to all Board members at least ten days in advance of the meeting.

*Proviso: This amendment would not take effect until July 1, 2013

Rational:
While many Regions in Kansas PTA are extremely strong, others struggle to find local leadership to support the units as Regional Vice Presidents. The current trend is also to have a field services model. By making the change to Field Service Representatives and giving the President the ability to appoint a person to fill a vacant position, while maintaining the Region members’ ability to select their representative if possible, we will strengthen Kansas PTA’s ability to services our local units.

ARTICLE VIII: REGIONS OF THE KANSAS PTA

Present Form:

Section 1. The state shall be divided into eight regions. The counties making up each Region will be identified in Policies and Practices.

Section 2. The members of local PTAs and PTSAs within the region boundaries are members of the region. Any such member is eligible to attend the Regional meeting with voting privileges.

Section 3. Each region shall be under the direction of a Regional Vice President, elected as stated in Article VII, Section 1. Each Regional Vice President shall appoint a PTA advisor in each county of their region whenever possible. The Executive Committee if requested by Regional Vice President may remove a PTA advisor for cause at any time.

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Section 3. Each region shall be under the direction of a Regional Field Service Representative, as stated in Article VII, Section 1. Each Regional Field Service Representative may appoint a PTA advisor in each county of their region, with approval of the State President. The Executive Committee if requested by Regional Field Service Representative may remove a PTA advisor for cause at any time.

*Proviso: This motion will take effect July 1, 2013 and only if the name changes in the 1st motion is adopted.

Rational:
This motion will just make the name change to be consistent with the prior Article.
#ARTICLE XIII: LOCAL PTAs/PTSAs

**Present Form:**

**Section 1.** Local PTAs shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Kansas PTA in the area in which the local PTA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws, as the Kansas PTA may in its bylaws prescribe. The Kansas PTA shall issue to each local PTA in its area an appropriate charter evidencing the due association and good standing of the local PTA.

A local PTA in good standing is one that:

a. Adheres to the purposes and basic policies of the PTA;

b. Remits the national portion of the dues through the State PTA to reach the national office by dates designated by the National PTA;

c. Maintains current uniform bylaws on file according to the procedures of each state;

d. Submits a copy of the unit’s completed federal form 990 for the last fiscal year, as required by the IRS, to the Kansas PTA office by January 15th each year;

e. Meets other criteria as may be prescribed by the individual state PTA.

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d. Submits a copy of the unit’s completed federal form 990 for the last fiscal year, as required by the IRS, to the Kansas PTA office by the date determined by Kansas PTA;

e. Submits a copy of the unit’s completed annual fiscal audit, as required by National PTA, to the Kansas PTA Office by the date determined by Kansas PTA;

f. Meets other criteria as may be prescribed by the individual state PTA.

**Rational:**

National PTA requires units to submit their annual audit to the states to be a unit in good standing. While that would be covered under the current section e. the Board of Managers felt it would be best to spell out that specific requirement by adding another bullet point.
Kansas PTA’s 100th Anniversary Celebration
Is getting closer and closer!!

Kicking off the 100th Anniversary Celebration at
The 2013 Kansas PTA Convention
“Let the Celebration Begin!”

PTA members come prepared to see
“History in the Making”!

Kansas PTA will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2014 and we are going to make this celebration sensational. At the very first convention in 1914 there were 200 women and some men at the convention. Let us pledge right now to honor our past leaders by increasing the original numbers up to 400 women, men and students! *The picture above is from a past Kansas PTA convention (date unknown).*

At the upcoming 2013 Kansas PTA Convention there will be:
- Treasured Kansas PTA 100th Anniversary items to purchase
- Fun historical activities
- The opportunity to pre-order the Kansas PTA 100th Anniversary Book
- Donating opportunities and,
- Fun surprises to get our celebration going!

Save the date!

Sharing Your Council/Unit History with Us!
The Kansas PTA website will contain a link to a secure Lifetouch website set up just for us where historical pictures (300 dpi or higher) and articles can be uploaded. We encourage you to include as much information about the picture as possible and your contact information. Pictures will be used, as space allows and as appropriate for the history book and other Kansas PTA historical projects. So dig back into your history and let the sharing begin!

How You Can Help!
1. Plan to attend the 2013 AND 2014 Kansas PTA Convention!
2. Purchase several copies of the Kansas PTA 100th Anniversary Book (information below)!
3. Share your Council/Unit PTA history with us (details below).
4. DONATE!! Forms on Kansas PTA website and at convention.
5. Let us know if you have expertise in marketing/PR or historical research

Kansas PTA’s 100th Anniversary History Book

Pre-order sale prices:
- $10.00 Soft Cover
- $15.00 Hard Cover

*Lifetouch’s generous underwriting of this keepsake book has enabled Kansas PTA to offer these super discounted prices. These special pre-sale prices are only available for a limited time. Prices will go up $5 next year.*

This 100 page, color, treasure will cover Kansas PTA’s history in context with our state and nation’s history incorporating as many historical facts and pictures from our units and councils as possible. The book’s measurements will be approximately 8 ½” by 11”. Consider purchasing a book; to honor someone, in memory of someone, as an added memento for an Honorary Life Membership recipient, for your principal, for your school, for your PTA, for your school’s library and of course – for you!

Pre-order sale information is available on the Kansas PTA website and at the KS PTA Convention! The finished book will be available at the 2014 Convention.
# Kansas PTA 100th Anniversary Donation Campaign

Please Contribute to Honor and Preserve our Heritage and Celebrate our Present and Future!

## DONATION LEVELS

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*Those not received at convention will be mailed to the address listed below.

** Feb. 28, 2014 deadline for inclusion in the 100th Anniversary Program

## 100th Anniversary Donation

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Name as you want it to appear in print: _______________________________________

Make check payable to: Kansas PTA
(please put “Kansas PTA 100th Anniversary” in memo section of check)

Name (or PTA Unit) ____________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________
Email: ______________________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________
Phone Number: __________________________________________________________________

Completed form and check should be mailed to:
Kansas PTA State Office
715 SW Tenth Street
Topeka, KS  66612

For Office Use Only: Date Received ___________  Check # ______________  Check Amount __________
2013 Kansas PTA
Legislative Priorities for Education

In alignment with the 2013 Kansas PTA Legislative Platform passed at the Kansas PTA state convention, April 2010, the Kansas PTA Legislative Priorities for the 2013 Kansas legislative session are the following:

EDUCATION PLATFORM—CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION. The Kansas PTA will recommend, initiate and support legislation and appropriation for public schools that will ensure all children and youth in Kansas a high quality, adequately funded education.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Kansas PTA will support efforts to strengthen and improve the Kansas public school finance system, which includes legislation and policies that:
   a. uphold Kansas Constitutional obligations to make suitable provision for the finance of the Kansas public schools that is equitable for every child.
   b. restore recent state cuts to base state aid per pupil, back to levels comparable to those deemed suitable by the legislature - actual costs identified in research studies requested and authorized by the Kansas legislature (e.g., Legislative Post Audit 2006 Cost Study).
   c. pursue solutions to fully fund state and federal educational mandates, including the new uniform financial accounting and reporting act, without disproportionately shifting the burden to local communities.

2. Kansas PTA will support efforts to restore an equitable and balanced tax policy to maintain a reliable revenue stream for public education that draws upon a combination of income, property and sales tax revenues.

3. Kansas PTA will support efforts to preserve the Kansas Constitutional infrastructure for education, including nonpartisan elections of Kansas school board members and their appointment of our Education Commissioner, as well as, retaining the primary responsibility of defining the phrase intellectual, educational, vocational and scientific improvement with the education governance structure (Kansas School Board, Kansas Department of Education, education scholars and practitioners).

4. Kansas PTA supports the state’s waiver application for Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) flexibility, including the adoption of a growth model to assess student’s educational progress.

5. Kansas PTA opposes the use of vouchers, scholarships or tax credits toward the tuition of non-public schools that can discriminate in admissions, provide sectarian religious instruction or “compete” under different rules than public schools; we affirm the Governor’s position that vouchers would not be effective in the state of Kansas.

6. Kansas PTA will advocate for evidence-based prevention and early intervention programs, including early childhood programs (e.g., Parent as Teachers and Pre-K Pilot), allocating state funds for all-day kindergarten, Head Start, and student engagement programs that reduce dropout rates and increase school completion.
2013 Legislative Session
Kansas PTA Legislative Update
March 2013

Kansas PTA Advocacy Day Wrap Up
On February 19th, Kansas PTA leadership met with the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and several legislators. We sat in on committee meetings and provided neutral testimony on several bills. We shared our concerns and will follow-up with our conversations. We would like to encourage anyone to contact Kansas PTA for guidance on speaking with legislators.

Kansas PTA State Convention, April 19, 20 & 21, 2013 in Topeka, Kansas
Convention is always a great time to connect and discuss legislative issues. Please consider attending so we can continue our conversation.

Bills Affecting Children & Public Education
The number of bills wrote this session that directly affects education is unprecedented. We would encourage you to seek out information regarding these bills using the following resources: Kansas Association of School Boards web site, KASB Blog, Kansas Association of Counties web site, and United School Administrators of Kansas web site (membership required).

Vote Counts

Kansas Reads to Succeed Initiative (SB 169) The bill to hold back 3rd graders who do not pass state reading standards was killed in the Senate Education Committee on 2/26/13 Yeas 5; Nays 6; Yeas (to forward the bill to the full Senate): Chairman Abrams, R-Arkansas City, Arpke, R-Salina, Melcher, R-Leawood, Pyle, R-Hiawatha, Tyson, R-Parker. Nays (to keep the bill in committee): Ostmeyer, R-Grinnell, Kerschen, R-Garden Plain, Schmidt, R-Topeka, Pettey, D-Kansas City, Wolf, R-Prairie Village, and Hensley, D-Topeka.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 1608 – Education constitutional amendment. The resolution would amend the state constitution under Article 6: (b) to include the language "The financing of the educational interests of the state is exclusively a legislative power under article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas and as such shall be established solely by the legislature." Passed out of the Senate on February 20th. A two-thirds constitutional majority voted in favor of the resolution. On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 27; Nays 13; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0. Yeas: Abrams, Apple, Arpke, Bowers, Bruce, Denning, Donovan, Fitzgerald, Holmes, Kerschen, King, Knox, LaTurner, Love, Lynn, Masterson, Melcher, O'Donnell, Olson, Ostmeyer, Petersen, Pilcher-Cook, Powell, Pyle, Smith, Tyson, Wagle. Nays: Emler, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Hawk, Hensley, Holland, Kelly, Longbine, McGinn, Pettey, V. Schmidt, Wolf.
WINTER MEMBERSHIP CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Kansas PTA held a winter membership contest that ran from February 1st – February 28th. Units submitting new memberships during the month would be qualified for prizes. These units must have already turned in membership dues previously this school year. The units that had the highest percentage of increase would be determined and prizes would be awarded to the top 3 units. First place would win $200 cash; 2nd place $100 cash and 3rd place $25 cash. Each of these prizes would also include $25 in PTA Store merchandise at KS PTA Convention. The unit that turned in the most memberships in February would also win $100 cash and $25 in PTA Store merchandise.

The winners are: 1st Place – Turner High School PTSA, in the Turner District, with a 91% increase in membership.
2nd Place – Turner Sixth Grade Academy PTSA, in the Turner District, with a 41% increase in membership.
3rd Place – Eisenhower Middle School PTSA, in the Kansas City, KS District, with a 22% increase in membership.

Winner of the most memberships sent in is Corinth Elementary PTA, in the Shawnee Mission District, with 81 members.

Congratulations to all of these units for working so hard to bring more voices to KS PTA. We encourage all units to continue to ask your community members, parents and school personnel, to join PTA and millions of other voices to help all children.

Diana Fabac
Kansas State Membership Chairman

TREASURER NOTE

The end of the school year is fast approaching. Now is the time to form your audit committee for your unit. A financial audit is required to be completed at least once per fiscal year and any time the responsibility of maintaining the financial records of the association has been changed. For example, if your treasurer resigns before the completion of his/her term, an audit must be performed before handing the books over to a new treasurer. The audit committee is a committee that is appointed by the President. The committee members should not be signers on any account that they will be auditing. If you are transitioning officers this year, it does make sense to have your incoming President and Treasurer to serve on this committee, as long as they are not current signers on the account. If your unit has any questions about how to conduct a financial audit, please contact the Kansas PTA office (or me directly) for assistance. You can also find information about this in your Money Matters book and in the Kansas PTA Treasurer's Guide that came in your summer packet.

Wishing you all a fantastic finish to a great year and I am so looking forward to seeing all of you in Topeka for Convention!!

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