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Dear PTA Officers,

On behalf of the Florida Congress of Parents and Teachers (Florida PTA), I congratulate and welcome you to your position as a local unit leader. We are excited about your decision to take on a leadership role. You are now part of a cadre of community leaders making a difference in the lives of Florida's children.

The **Florida PTA Kit of Materials (KOM)** you are receiving with this email contains essential information that will provide a resource to assist you and your board members as you become more effective leaders. Each officer should retain a complete copy of the KOM for your use and have it available to make additional copies of sections as you, and the members of the board of directors, may need them. Please review all the documents very carefully. Information and award deadlines from state committee chairs have changed. Particular attention should be paid to how you pay dues and provide membership cards to your members. Please review the Florida PTA Local Unit Standards of Affiliation/Compliance Requirements document included in the KOM. The KOM will also be emailed to your local unit Treasurer and Secretary. All board members should thoroughly review, and reference as needed, the information in the Dollar\$ and \$en\$e section.

If you have questions about any of the material or any other PTA matter, please contact the Florida PTA office at 407/855-7604 or email info@floridapta.org. The state office staff members provide professional, knowledgeable assistance and are eager to help with the success of your PTA. Quick note: PTSAs have student members and are still under the name of PTA which is why you will sometimes only see PTA referenced. We are one PTA!

The Florida PTA Board of Directors' names and email addresses are available on the Florida PTA website (www.FloridaPTA.org), under the About Us tab. We are all available to mentor and assist you. Like you, Florida PTA board members are volunteers who recognize the need to share their time and talents on behalf of others.

Throughout the year, you will have access to the following information:

- *Ongoing communications regarding current events, our Florida PTA eNews newsletter, updates, social media posts on Facebook, YouTube and X, Legislative updates, and Action Alerts*
- *Continually updated website www.floridapta.org*
- *Special promotions and training opportunities*

Remember to "LIKE" us on Facebook and "FOLLOW" us on social media! Please also remember to forward communications and informational emails to your entire board and membership, when applicable.

Your local unit is encouraged to participate in the following Florida PTA events:

- *Florida PTA Legislative Conference, Tallahassee - Early, 2025*
- *Statewide Reflections Celebration – (TBD)*
- *National PTA Convention – June 2025*
- *Florida PTAs Leadership Convention, Omni Hotels and Resorts, ChampionsGate, Orlando – July 10-14, 2025*
- *Workshops, meetings, and other events held by your Council (Refer to your Councils' website, social media, and communications for additional information)*

The Florida PTA Board of Directors, office staff and I wish you much success in the upcoming school year. Together, we will embrace the PTA values of collaboration, commitment, diversity, respect, and accountability, as we engage, educate, and empower families, schools, and communities to be powerful voices for ALL children and to make every child's potential a reality.

Thank you!

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