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

## 2026 Legislative Conference PTA Takes Action for Public Schools

### LEGCON 2026

March 2-4 | Alexandria, VA | [PTA.org/LegCon](http://PTA.org/LegCon)

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### March 2-4 – Alexandria, Va.

Join us in Alexandria, Va., March 2-4, for the National PTA Legislative Conference (LegCon) –your chance to grow your advocacy skills and take action for public schools! This annual event brings together PTA leaders and passionate advocates from across the country for three powerful days of connection, learning and impact.

#### Registration Rates

##### Early Bird Rate

Nov. 13, 2025 – Jan. 15, 2026

\$315

##### Regular Rate

After Jan. 15, 2026

\$345

At LegCon 2026, you will:

- ✓ Network with fellow PTA advocates
- ✓ Stay informed on issues impacting children, families and public schools
- ✓ Hear from congressional champions and national policy leaders
- ✓ Gain tools to influence policy decisions
- ✓ Advocate directly with your members of Congress during Hill Day in Washington, D.C.

Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your advocacy skills and make your voice heard on behalf of all children, families and public schools.

[Register Here](#)

# KEEPING THE “MO”MENTUM INTO THE NEW YEAR

## 1. FIGHTING MID-YEAR BURNOUT

### **Delegate and Make Tasks More Manageable**

Spread out the work to avoid mid-year burnout. Turn large events into small tasks and invite more members to take the lead—everyone stays involved without feeling overwhelmed.

### **Communicate Results of Previous Events**

Let your members know how their efforts have affected the school. Make sure to not concentrate on money...let them know the impact on the teachers and students alike.

### **Celebrate Your Volunteers**

Take a moment to say thanks. A kind message, tiny gift, or public mention can make volunteers feel valued and motivated.



## 2. COMMUNICATION

[You Belong in PTA—Grow Your PTA with Programs](#): Use these social media graphics, print & go flyers, and customizable content flyers to invite your community to join, support or invest in your PTA/PTSA by highlighting [National PTA Programs](#).

## 3. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Connect with members to share upcoming volunteer chances for the new semester. Make sure they know PTA relies on their help throughout the entire year.

## 4. INCREASING MEMBERSHIP

### [Sign Up for Membership Mania](#)

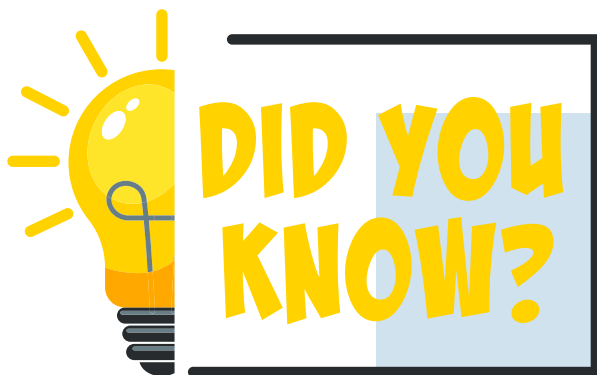
- Year long initiative with free tools and resources, as well as fun activities and challenges.
- Participate in calls with National PTA and other PTA leaders in your group for interactive discussions that will enable you to learn from, and grow with, other local leaders.
- Several opportunities to win awesome prizes!

## Helping Fight Food Insecurity

National PTA will distribute \$45K to PTAs nationwide to help address ongoing food insecurity facing children and families. The funding is made possible in large part through National PTA's Disaster Relief Fund, which was established to provide emergency support to local PTA communities.

"During the recent federal government shutdown, many families faced hardship and lost access to food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)," said Yvonne Johnson, president of National PTA. "While the shutdown has ended, the congressional agreement only funds the federal government through Jan. 30, leaving families uncertain about support to help feed their children."

[Learn more about the funding.](#)



### Safer Internet Day Grants for Safer Internet Day 2026

ConnectSafely is offering grants of up to \$1,000 to help educators and community organizations implement a student program, classroom activity or family night as part of the global celebration. The deadline for Safer Internet Day grant applications is **Dec. 31.**

[Learn more and get inspired.](#)



# National Standards for FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships set the bar for how schools and parent organizations should work together to support student success. We know that families are essential partners to providing a high-quality education for every student. Decades of research shows that family engagement matters for student success, students whose families are engaged are more likely to attend school, avoid discipline problems, achieve at higher levels and graduate. Family engagement also helps schools, research suggests it is equally as important as school leadership or a rigorous curriculum to predict school improvement.

Over the next few months we will focus on each of the Standards one at a time: Communicate Effectively, Support Student Success, Speak up for Every Child, Share Power, Collaborate with Community, and Welcome all Families.

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Direct your parents to the exact web page for your PTA using this custom QR Code Banner.

Long 8 ft by 2 ft banner made from 13 oz. weatherproof vinyl. Finished with border hem and grommets. All banners are customized for your PTA or PTSA, specific QR link & individual bottom message.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025-2026 GRANT RECIPIENTS!

### PTA Connected: Ready, Tech, Go!

Cold Water Elementary PTA St. Louis, MO  
 Norfleet Elementary PTA Raytown, MO  
 Thomas Ultican Elementary PTA Blue Springs, MO

### 2025-2026 Vape-Free Futures Challenge Grant

Independence Council PTA  
 Independence, MO

### STEM + Families Science Festival

Line Creek PTA Kansas City, MO  
 Mill Creek Elementary PTA Independence, MO  
 Procter Elementary PTA Independence, MO  
 Thomas B. Chinn PTA Kansas City, MO

The grants to carry out PTA programming for this school year Nationwide are as follows:

- PTA Healthy Minds, sponsored by the New York Life Foundation: 75 local PTAs awarded \$1,250
- PTA Connected: Be Internet Awesome + LEO, sponsored by Google + YouTube: 55 local PTAs awarded \$1,250
- PTA Connected: Build Up and Belong, sponsored by Discord: 20 local PTAs awarded \$2,000
- PTA Connected: Create with Kindness, sponsored by TikTok: 98 local PTAs awarded \$3,000 and 8 District/Council/Region/Community/Special Education PTAs awarded \$5,000
- PTA Connected: Ready, Tech, Go!, with support from AT&T: 230 local PTAs awarded \$1,500
- PTA Connected: The Smart Talk, sponsored by Norton: 20 local PTAs awarded \$1,500
- STEM + Families Propelling Our World: 20 PTAs awarded \$1,500
- STEM + Families Science Festival, sponsored by Bayer Fund: 40 local PTAs awarded \$1,500
- Vape-Free Futures Challenge Grantee, sponsored by The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids: 7 District/Council/Region awarded \$2,500
- Mary Lou Anderson Reflections Arts Enhancement, sponsored by the family of Mary Lou Anderson: 2 local PTAs awarded \$1,250
- High School PTSA/PTA Youth Engagement Capacity Building, sponsored by TikTok and Uber: 20 local PTSA/PTAs awarded \$5,000

Each grantee will be hosting a variety of programming to engage families and caregivers in areas of digital safety, STEM, healthy lifestyles, the arts and more. Our High School PTSA/PTA Youth Engagement Capacity Building grantees support building capacity to better engage youth-led and/or youth-centered

Keep sending in your photos and celebrate with us!