

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

## 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. The fourth standard we will be discussing is Share Power.



### **STANDARD 4: SHARE POWER**

The school partners with families in decisions that affect children and families and together—and as a team, inform, influence and create policies, practices and programs.

**Goal 1:** Strengthen the Family's Voice in Shared Decision Making: Are families partners in making decisions that affect their children at school and in the community?

#### **School & PTA indicators:**

- ↘ Transparently and accessibly communicate about decision-making processes
- ↘ Build shared knowledge about decisions that affect children
- ↘ Give families and students voice in decisions that affect children
- ↘ Identify and remedy power imbalances
- ↘ Track data and fill gaps for representative input and power in decisions

**Goal 2:** Build Families' Connections: Do families have a strong, broad-based organization that offers regular opportunities to develop relationships and raise concerns with school leaders, public officials, and business and community leaders?

#### **School & PTA indicators:**

- ↘ Connect families to local officials
- ↘ Foster student and family leadership and civic engagement
- ↘ Support the development of an effective family/parent organization that represents all families

# From The President's Desk



Hello Fellow PTA Volunteers,

As we are drawing nearer to the end of the 2025-2026 term, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the unwavering dedication you have shown to the children of our communities. Your efforts have done more than fill calendar slots; they have built a foundation of safety, health, and inspired learning that will impact students for years to come.

Whether you were organizing health screenings, coordinating educational events, or ensuring that children had the needed supplies to complete their school work, and much much more, your hands-on commitment has been the heartbeat of Missouri PTA. On behalf of the board and the families we serve, thank you for your passion, your time, and your heart. We have achieved so much together, and I look forward to seeing the continued ripples of the positive change you've set in motion.

It is also that time of year—many of our units are officially entering the election phase for the 2026-2027 school year.

While our current accomplishments are worth celebrating, the continuity of our mission depends on new voices and fresh energy. I urge you to encourage your friends, families, colleagues, and neighbors to consider stepping into a PTA leadership role.

It truly takes a village to safeguard our children's education and well-being. Without dedicated leaders to guide these initiatives, the vital programs and necessities our children rely on are at risk. Please help us find the next generation of advocates to ensure our collective future remains bright.

With deepest thanks,  
Christine Kent  
Missouri PTA President, 2023-2026



# SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

## Are you a School of Excellence?

National PTA **School of Excellence** recognition program opens the lines of communication and critical thinking within school communities to make data-driven decisions that yield positive, long-term results. School of Excellence is committed to supporting and recognizing partnerships between local PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.

**Enrollment opens May 1st.**

**MORE INFORMATION**



**UPCOMING**

**EVENTS**

5/13 @ 6pm All Units Roundtable

5/13 @ 7pm Open House Office Hour

5/18 @ 6pm Legislative Roundtable

Check out our website [calendar](#) to Register for these events.

# Join the MOPTA Dream Team!

## We're Looking for a Student Representative!

Do you know a motivated and organized student who is passionate about leadership, collaboration, and representing the interests of their peers? The Missouri PTA Student Representative serves as a liaison between the MOPTA organization and the student body, helping to promote engagement, communication, and participation in PTA related activities.

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Congratulations to Mill Creek Elementary in Independence. They were granted \$1500 to host a STEM+ Families Science Festival. They held their family STEM Fest on March 12<sup>th</sup>. A local news crew was invited to interview and document their amazing event!

