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## *President's Note,*

There is still time to [sign up](#) for the 2017 Virginia PTA Annual Conference! Not only is it a legitimate expense for your PTA, it's the very best way to get all you need to get a great start to your new year! There are great [workshops](#) that not only give you the right information you need, but many opportunities to share your concerns and ideas and catch some new, successful ideas from others.

This is my last message to you. I leave you in good hands. Behind the scenes we've been working on a new vision for Virginia PTA: one that uses all resources and efforts to support and reach out to you and creates a more efficient structure. The Board of Managers have made difficult decisions to create the bylaws amendments that will be debated at our Annual Meeting during our Annual Conference. I'm excited for you to take part in that debate!

In these last two years I've had the privilege of getting to know many dedicated, hardworking PTA volunteers. I've had the pleasure of working with our Board of Managers, leaders who work diligently for you. Every one of them has brought their own special talents to the table!

So many PTA members can tell you our office staff is extraordinary. They never leave a phone call or email unanswered. They are always at the ready with the right details or direction to the person who can assist you. We board members greatly appreciate their work and support.

And, in these last two years I've become a grandmother of three, an 18 month old, a year old, and a three week old! Now, more than ever, I see my advocacy continuing to ensure they have a future full of promise.

I know you are all working in PTA for your own children and the children in your schools. But we are also working for those children that opened their eyes for the first time in the last few months and the last few years. And we are determined to let them see a world where they can succeed, where they are accepted, where they are safe and valued.

I thank you for coming along with me on this journey. I hope you continue to serve this worthwhile association and our children. I hope you continue to gain in knowledge and experience. I hope you continue to grow.

Sincerely,

Jane  
**Grow!**

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## PTA Members ONLY



## [PTA Benefits Flyer](#)



## Haven't Registered?

Time just flies... No worries! You can STILL register for the [2017 Virginia PTA Annual Conference](#)! Online registration is open until **July 3rd at 11:55pm**, so hurry and [register NOW](#)! Boot Camp registrations are also still available on Thursday, July 13 for those with only one day to commit to this highly valued training opportunity.

Our Conference hotel is the [Marriott Richmond](#) and rooms are still available.

The Virginia PTA Store will be open during the Conference for all your PTA shopping. The method of payments is cash or credit card. Explore our Exhibit Hall and visit with companies and nonprofit organizations providing products and services for PTAs and schools.

So [register now](#), [book your room](#), make a plan, and come **Grow With PTA!**

## Summer Planning Meeting Agenda

Have you set a date for a PTA "let's plan the year" meeting yet? Here is a [sample agenda](#) to help your PTA get a great start!

## NLDC Seeking Candidates for Committee Chairs

It's an exciting time to be a member of the Virginia PTA Board of Managers! If you are looking for your next step in PTA leadership, the following Committee Chair positions are still available:

Advocacy (formerly Legislation)  
 Arts in Education  
 Bylaws  
 Communications  
 Extension  
 Family Engagement  
 Health & Safety

Contact NLDC Chair, Scott Rhyne, at [nldcomm@vapta.org](mailto:nldcomm@vapta.org) for more information, or [download](#) the application.

## It's Almost Here!

The **2017-2018 Back-To-School Kit** launches next week and includes some big changes!



The PTA Leaders (formerly PTA President), Finance and Membership sections have been revamped to make them even more user-friendly. You can expect valuable tools, resources and downloads designed to help you run your PTA. They're all easy-to-navigate and easy-to-understand for all levels of PTA leadership. And you can access all of this info from your smart phone, tablet or laptop-anyplace, anytime.

You will need to register and login to access the Kit. But rest-assured, the process is easy.

As a special bonus, when you register for this year's Back-to-School Kit, you'll receive a Recruitment Tool (a packet of PTA marketing materials) and a poster-sized calendar of PTA events for the upcoming school year in the mail.

June 19 and after, you'll find the BTS Kit [here](#). If you have any questions, email us at [BackToSchool@PTA.org](mailto:BackToSchool@PTA.org)

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## Virginia Board of Education Public Hearings

The Virginia Board of Education will hold a series of public hearings in June, July and August to gather feedback from families, educators, and community members on student expectations, how schools are accredited, and school resources. We hope you can attend:

**Wythe County: Thursday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.**

Location: Wytheville Community College

Address: 1000 E Main St, Wytheville, VA 24382

**Harrisonburg City: Tuesday, July 18, 6:30 p.m.**

Location: Skyline Middle School

Address: 470 Linda Lane, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

**Virginia Beach: Wednesday, August 9, 6:30 p.m.**

Location: Old Donation School

Address: 4633 Honeygrove Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

**Mecklenburg County: Wednesday, August 23, 6:30 p.m.**

Location: Park View High School

Address: 205 Park View Cir, South Hill, VA 23970

Public comment will be accepted at each of these meetings. While the Board welcomes all comments from the public, they are specifically looking for feedback on the Board's work related to the following:

- The Standards of Accreditation including changes to high school graduation requirements and changes to how schools will be accredited in the future
- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan
- Identifying conditions and needs of public education, for updating the Board's comprehensive plan and annual report to the Governor and General Assembly

For planning purposes, kindly RSVP to the Director for Board Relations Emily Webb at [Emily.Webb@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Emily.Webb@doe.virginia.gov), if you are able to attend one of these meetings (RSVPs are appreciated, but not required). If you know of others who would like to join, feel free to share this information with them.

A sign in sheet will be provided at each hearing for those individuals wishing to address the Board. So Board members can hear from as many people as possible, each speaker is asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes. If individuals wish to submit a written copy of their remarks, or additional materials for the Board to consider, those will be accepted at the hearing. Comment cards will also be available. The Board President or chairperson may, in his or her discretion, extend the public comment portion of the meeting, allocate the time available for public comment, adjust the order of speakers, or take other reasonable measures to ensure that the Board hears multiple views on any matter presented to the Board.

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## Treasurer Reminders

- Check your bylaws for the annual (fiscal) audit dates - you can have either an individual experienced auditor or audit committee of three (cannot be signers on the account or family members of signers for period being audited) complete the audit. The audit cannot be completed until after the end of your fiscal year. For [information](#) and [fillable audit](#).
- The current year Form 990, 990EZ, N-Postcard (2016 IRS form) should be prepared after the audit is complete. This is generally prepared by the current year's treasurer (2017-2018).
- **Important!** The audit report is signed by the current president and treasurer in office when the report is presented to the executive board and adopted by the general membership. They ensure all information in the first paragraph on page one (1) is filled in, signed and a copy sent to VA PTA.
- When sending copies of the audit and 990 (for 990-N email confirmation received can be forwarded directly to the email address listed below) to Virginia PTA, they can be sent by one of three ways:
  - Email to: [liaison@vapta.org](mailto:liaison@vapta.org)
  - Fax to: (804)264-4014
  - Mail to: Virginia PTA, 1027 Wilmer Ave., Richmond, VA 23227
- Lost Tax Exempt Status from IRS:
  - If your local unit recently received a letter about losing your tax status, please contact [me](#) as we have resources to make the filling process easier.
  - If your local unit is one who lost its tax exempt status, filed to get it back and have received your letter from the Internal Revenue Service please email a copy to [treasurer@vapta.org](mailto:treasurer@vapta.org).



### 2017-18 School of Excellence Program - Open

PTAs across the country are beginning their journey to strengthen family-school partnerships at their schools and make a substantial, positive impact on student success.

By enrolling in this program, PTAs and school administrators are making a year-long commitment in identifying and implementing an action plan for school improvement based on [PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships](#).

In August 2018, National PTA will celebrate these PTA-school partnerships by awarding successful enrollees the [National PTA School of Excellence](#) distinction for two academic years.

Enroll now to be considered among the 2018-2020 [National PTA Schools of Excellence](#) recipients.

To learn more visit [PTA.org/Excellence](http://PTA.org/Excellence), email [Excellence@PTA.org](mailto:Excellence@PTA.org) or call (800) 307-4782.

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