May 15, 2023

Dear Valued National PTA Member,

As the largest volunteer child advocacy association, we have been the conscience of the nation to better the lives of all children in America for over 125 years. As proud as we are about our extensive legacy and impact, there’s still so much work to be done. With over 150 years of combined volunteer experience as both members and leaders in PTA, we, the Past National Presidents of National PTA, support the proposed $1.75 dues increase and urge you to join us in this strategic investment to build for tomorrow’s PTA. Now is the time for us to invest in our mission and core values in a way that allows PTA to continue our important work to create a bright future for our children and ensure the education, health and safety of every child in America for generations to come.

We are ever grateful for our over two million members as you work every day to meet the essential needs of your school communities. We know our declining membership has been a challenge. We know you need training for your volunteers to keep your PTA operating smoothly. And we know you need leadership support and guidance as you run your PTA. The unfortunate truth is that it costs more to provide these services, and this new proposed dues rate is a way we can do that.

Through our combined PTA experiences, we recognize and fully understand that a change cannot be accomplished without an acknowledgement that this effort is beyond one local or state PTA. We all must be willing to consider the big picture in how this new dues rate will help all of our PTAs—large, small and in between. We believe that the value of what we do—and who we serve—is worth the investment into the future PTA leader, family and every child.

We ask that you reflect on what PTA means to you as you consider what’s at stake. PTA has always been a guiding light for our communities, and we want to expand the resources and opportunities for our most precious treasures—our children—and advance our mission for another 125 years.

Thank you for your continued dedication to National PTA and the children we serve.

Best Regards,

Leslie Boggs
National PTA President, 2019-2021

Laura Bay
National PTA President, 2015-2017

Jim Accomando
National PTA President, 2017-2019

Otha Thornton
National PTA President, 2013-2015
Chuck Saylors
National PTA President, 2009-2011

Anna Weselak
National PTA President, 2005-2007

Linda M. Hodge
National PTA President, 2003-2005

Ginny Markell
National PTA President, 1999-2001