

School of Excellence Program Leader Quotes

Selected quotes from 2018-2020 National PTA School of Excellence Program Leaders about the School of Excellence program and impact:

ARIZONA

"The program is a win-win for PTAs and their schools. Even if PTAs are not selected to receive the recognition, if anything was done at the school - students and families will be better for it." - Steven Weigley, Canyon Rim PTA

CALIFORNIA

"We were very happy with all the materials - thank you!" - Deborah Najm, Chapman Hills Elementary PTA

FLORIDA

"Our school and PTA felt very honored and esteemed to receive recognition in this program and hope to continue this designation." - Carrie Gilbert Steinmeyer, San Pablo Elementary PTA

"Every school should go for this award. Your PTSA will become stronger and lift up your school spirit as well." - Wren Johnson, Learning Gate PTSA

ILLINOIS

"This really helped our school community take a closer look at how we could improve our school. There were some characteristics listed on the survey we hadn't even considered. It really brought out that some of us were operating from a place of privilege and hadn't considered how many of our school families were not being served nor heard." - Lisa Brennan, Twin Echo Elementary

LOISIANNA

"The process was easy to complete and helped raise awareness at our school on many levels. It was a growing and valuable experience!" – Allison, Captain Shreve High School

NEW YORK

"This program was a wonderful tool to get our school to work with students, parents, teachers, community members; all working together to make our school and community a better place for our students now and for those who will attend in the years to come! Thank you!" - Gina Page Nelson, Ogden PTA

"I think our experience in the SOE program was really amazing. It gave us the extra backing to do things we wouldn't normally do. The children in our school really benefitted from it. That's why we are all here to help our kids - all 709 of them:)" - Jill Mallilo, McVey PTA



everychild. one voice. This is our 3rd submission. The program has helped our PTA navigate our direction, areas to concentrate on and I believe improve for the better of our students and families. Our relation with admin was good before but great now because they believe in this program as well. Carole Henkin, Van Cortlandtville Elementary PTA

OHIO

"We loved it! It was an awesome way to show the great things we do for our children and community." - Nicole Lesnick, Titans Early Childhood PTA

TEXAS

"I am simply excited to have the opportunity to participate! This has been such a fabulous tool for our school to get back plugged in to the CORE matters of our families! I appreciate SO MUCH these types of programs!!" – Katie Flurry, Bluebonnet Elementary PTA

"This is a great program! It is a great way for PTAs to take a step back and really think about what their purpose and goals are." - Meredith Saunders, Homestead Elementary School PTA

"I think the SOE program is great...it can help a PTA or School ask about and analyze areas that they may not think about frequently, that may be areas of concern. For us, it was the availability of translation. We knew it was needed, but we didn't realize just how many parents or families didn't know it was available. It was invaluable in letting us know what we needed to communicate to the school community." - Ross Cornell, Boggess Elementary PTA

TENNESSEE

"I am extremely pleased my school was able to participate. We will keep the tenets very close and handy and use them consistently to assist our students and families as we move forward."

- Charles Everett, Westwood High School PTSA

UTAH

"I really appreciated the School of Excellence program. It helped us determine needs in our school community, and through that we could make focused goals to improve our school." - Melanie Larsen, Centerville Elementary PTA

WASHINGTON

"This program is a great tool for schools working on collaboration between school/pta and school/parents. Well done!" - Stacy Hatch, Norman Rockwell PTA

VIRGINIA

"This program really helped motivate our PTA to reach out to the parents more and evolve them in their children's education!" - Rebecca Cervoni, Parklawn PTA