

Hi there... you *fantastic* PTA leader!

I'm Tracie Potts, the new Family and Community Engagement chair for Maryland PTA. **CONGRATULATIONS** on taking the first step to become a

*****National PTA School of Excellence!*****

I've been in your shoes. I was the lead for my middle school when we became the 2nd School of Excellence in Maryland, and the first ever in my district. So, when I assumed this role one of the *first* things I did was *recruit some help for you!*

A few recent SOE designees from Maryland have agreed to **MENTOR** our state's new applicants - you! They *just* completed the work you're about to start. They can help keep you on track, provide advice and serve as a sounding board for your questions and ideas throughout the process.

And ICYMI, [National PTA](#) has also provided helpful FAQs and a timeline for your journey to improved family engagement.

If you'd like a MD SOE mentor, reply YES by November 1.

Your first deadline is coming up SOON. Be sure to **submit your initial application by NOVEMBER 15** to remain in consideration. Don't miss that deadline! Your mentor can help walk you through it.

Let's go!

Tracie Potts

Chair, Maryland PTA Family and Community Engagement Committee

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