

## School of Excellence Principal Quotes

Selected quotes from 2020-2022 National PTA School of Excellence principals about the School of Excellence program and impact their PTAs have on their schools:

### FLORIDA

“The School of Excellence program generates awareness among the school community, showcases points of pride for schools, and increases participation in PTA initiatives. The School of Excellence title shows families that they are valued and appreciated in our school and that we are working hard to meet the needs of students and families every day.” —Joshua Wolfenden, Richard O. Jacobson Technical High School Principal

### GEORGIA

“PTA should participate in the School of Excellence program as it is a great way for PTA to analyze their current practices to determine their effectiveness, as well as areas for refinement (continued growth). This was a great experience for our school and PTA. Thank you for affording our school and PTA this opportunity! The application process is robust and requires PTA organizations to become reflective on the practices of the organization and the local school. This is an amazing program!” —Elayna Wilson, Lindley Middle School Principal

“School of Excellence provides guidelines and strategies to increase student achievement by virtue of effective parental involvement. Exceptional support and experiences!” —Derrick Manning, Forest Park High School Principal

### ILLINOIS

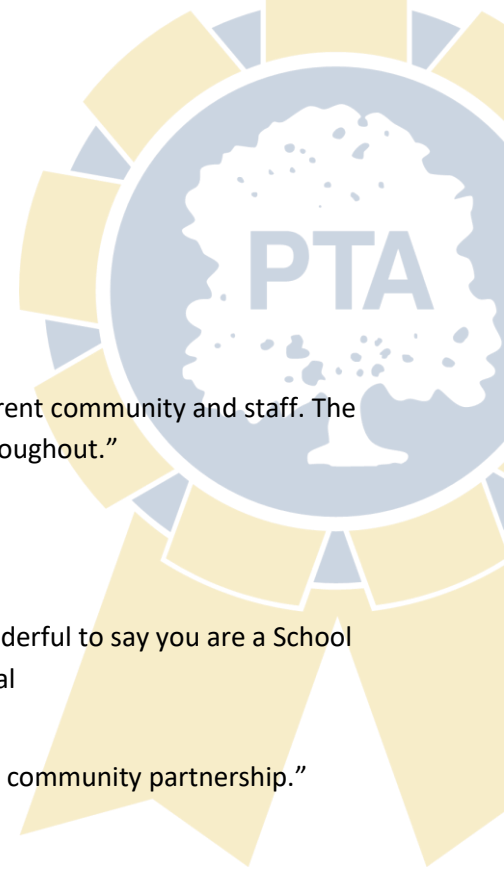
“PTAs should participate in the School of Excellence program to connect the school and community together in meaningful ways. The School of Excellence program gave us a different avenue to do that, along with providing a way to make a lasting impact. The experience was great.” —Thomas Barbini, Helen Keller Junior High Principal

### KANSAS

“The School of Excellence program really puts accountability into the equation of accomplishing great things for the school community.” —Ryan Horne, Broken Arrow Elementary School Principal

### LOUISIANA

“The School of Excellence program has helped our school community celebrate our areas of success while focusing on improving to meet the needs of all students.” —Chantelle Smith, Mandeville Elementary Principal



## **MARYLAND**

“PTAs should participate in School of Excellence to increase involvement of parent community and staff. The School of Excellence Program was super responsive and provided guidance throughout.”

—Renee D. Wallace-Kimbrue, North Chevy Case Elementary School Principal

## **NEW YORK**

“School of Excellence helps a school to reflect and build on goals. It is also wonderful to say you are a School of Excellence!” —Dr. Greer E. Miller, Division Street Elementary School Principal

“We have had this honor since 2014. It is a distinguished honor that shows our community partnership.”

—Jacqueline M. Woodruff, Van Cortlandtville Elementary School Principal

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

“School of Excellence is a way to recognize the efforts of the school and PTA and to show community outreach. We have always bragged on our PTA, and this is a way to recognize their efforts. They have done an amazing job of keeping the community engaged with school even during a pandemic. National PTA has been very supportive throughout the entire process.” —Michael Tucker, Stoney Point Elementary School Principal

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

“PTAs should participant in School of Excellence for continuous improvement and utilizing feedback from families and the school community to drive the improvement! I particularly appreciated the brainstorming and creativity required to determine and implement next steps!” —Josh Patterson, Sterling School Principal

“School of Excellence gives the school community the ability to celebrate and build partnerships.”

—Kimberly M Reid, Fork Shoals School Principal

“PTAs should participate in this program to exemplify the importance of building strong relationships with families and all stakeholders in order to support our children!” Deborah Mihalic, Plain Elementary School Principal

## **TEXAS**

“This program bridges the gaps between the teachers, parents and the community to provide the highest quality of education to our families through a shared partnership.” —Xavier Lewis, Collegiate Preparatory Elementary Principal

“The School of Excellence program provides structure, direction and motivation for the school and PTA to partner for the benefit of the children. It really has brought the community together for the benefit of the campus and children. As I stated above, the direction, structure, and motivation brought many people together for the benefit of the campus and children. Without this goal to strive for, we would not have made the progress and experienced the successes that we have!” —Mark Letter, Wilson Middle School Principal

## **VIRGINIA**

“The School of Excellence program helps to keep us connected on a larger level to other schools we can collaborate and share ideas with.” —Roxanne Salata, Clermont Elementary School Principal

