

## Frequently Asked Questions for State PTAs

The National PTA Board of Directors will present a motion to increase dues by \$1.50, which will adjust the overall National PTA dues to \$3.75 for each individual member, effective July 1, 2019. The motion will be voted on during a general session by the voting delegates in attendance at the National PTA Convention, June 20-23, 2019 in Columbus, Ohio.

This document serves to answer some anticipated questions related to the logistics of the dues adjustment only. You can find other documents that detail how additional dues will be used for National PTA operations and future investments in programs and services at [PTA.org/DuesIncrease](https://pta.org/DuesIncrease).

**Q: Where can I find information or send members with questions?**

A: You can find specific information on the dues increase at [PTA.org/DuesIncrease](https://pta.org/DuesIncrease).

**Q: What is the timeline around the proposed National PTA dues increase?**

A: The dues increase timeline is as follows:

- Feb. 13 – State SP/SPE Leadership Call
- March 14 – Dues Increase Town Hall following the National PTA Legislative Conference
- April 3 – State SP/SPE Leadership Call
- Mid May – SP/SPE Dues Increase Webinar
- June 5 – State SP/SPE Leadership Call
- June 20 – National PTA Convention and Expo – Vote at General Meeting 2

**Q: How can members provide feedback on the proposed National PTA dues increase?**

A: National PTA has created an online portal to allow members to provide feedback. To access this portal, go to [PTA.org/DuesIncrease](https://pta.org/DuesIncrease) and scroll to the bottom of the webpage.

**Q: What resources can State PTAs share with our local PTAs about the proposed National PTA dues increase?**

A: State PTAs can use any, and all resources at [PTA.org/DuesIncrease](https://pta.org/DuesIncrease) to educate district, council, region and local leaders and members about the proposed dues increase.

**Q: What ways can State PTAs share information with district, council, region and local leaders/members about the proposed National PTA dues increase?**

A: State PTAs can choose the method(s) that work within their state. Examples:

- Emails
- Social Media
- Newsletters
- State Conventions and/or other state meetings

In other words, state PTAs can share this information in the best ways that work for the state PTA.

**Q. Who gets to vote on the proposed National PTA dues increase at the 2019 National PTA Convention and Expo?**

A: The National PTA Bylaws, Article XII, define the voting body at convention. Some individuals become delegates by virtue of their position within the National PTA governance structure; others are named by state constituent associations. State PTAs may name “five (5) delegates plus one per thousand (1,000) or major fraction thereof” based on the state constituent association’s membership as of March 31, 2019. State PTAs will receive information about the delegate selection process in April 2019. In addition to state PTA named delegates, members of the National PTA Board of Directors, members of standing and convention-related committees, state PTA presidents, and past presidents of National PTA are also given delegate status in accordance with National PTA Bylaws.

**Q: As a state PTA leader, what do we do if a district, council, region or local leaders reach out to us for information regarding the proposed National PTA dues increase?**

A: Send them to the National PTA dues increase website at [PTA.org/DuesIncrease](https://pta.org/DuesIncrease).

**Q: Does your State PTA list the National PTA dues amount in your bylaws? If so what do you do?**

A: State PTAs should follow state bylaws amendment guidelines and seek parliamentary or legal assistance if questions arise. National PTA Bylaws state that National PTA dues are approved by “the voting body at a National PTA Annual Meeting.” Therefore, any

dues amount noted in state or local bylaws other than that approved by the national convention voting body is invalid and unenforceable. To avoid issues in the future, National PTA suggests state PTAs remove specific National PTA dues amounts from state and local bylaws. State PTAs may also consider adding language to state and local bylaws that makes automatic any changes approved by the National PTA convention voting body that applies to state or local PTAs. Many State Congresses have bylaws structured in this way.