

**VIRGINIA PTA
APPROVAL OF LOCAL UNIT BYLAWS**

Bylaws of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School of Richmond, VA were approved by the membership at its meeting on September 24, 2020

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NOTE: Bylaws of this local unit will take effect on _____ and must be submitted for review to the Virginia PTA by _____ to remain a local unit in good standing. Submitting amendments to these bylaws for approval in the interim does not change this 5-year anniversary date when a complete set of bylaws must be submitted for review.

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#PTA Mission

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

#PTA Values

Collaboration: We will work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to broaden and enhance our ability to serve and advocate for all children and families.

Commitment: We are dedicated to children's educational success, health, and well-being through strong family and community engagement, while remaining accountable to the principles upon which our association was founded.

Diversity: We acknowledge the potential of everyone without regard, including but not limited to: age, culture, economic status, educational background, ethnicity, gender, geographic location, legal status, marital status, mental ability, national origin, organizational position, parental status, physical ability, political philosophy, race, religion, sexual orientation, and work experience.

Respect: We value the individual contributions of members, employees, volunteers, and partners as we work collaboratively to achieve our association's goals.

Accountability: All members, employees, volunteers, and partners have a shared responsibility to align their efforts toward the achievement of our association's strategic initiatives.

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48 The following are basic principles of the Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School PTSA in common
49 with those of Virginia PTA and National PTA:

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- 51 a. The association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
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 - 53 b. The association shall work to engage and empower children, families, and educators
54 within schools and communities to provide quality education for all children and youth,
55 and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process by influencing school policy
56 and advocating for children’s issues, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make
57 decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education, state education
58 authorities, and local education authorities.
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 - 60 c. The association shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth,
61 and shall seek to promote collaboration among families, schools, and the community at
62 large.
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 - 64 d. Commitment to inclusiveness and equity, knowledge of PTA, and professional
65 expertise shall be guiding principles for service in Virginia PTA.
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68 **#Article 4: Relationship with National PTA, Virginia PTA and Constituent Associations**

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70 **Section 1.** The articles of organization of a constituent association include (a) the bylaws of such
71 association and (b) the certificate of incorporation or articles of incorporation of such association
72 (in cases which the association is a corporation) or the articles of organization by whatever name
73 (in cases in which the association exists as an unincorporated association).

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75 **Section 2.** Local PTA/PTSAs shall be organized and chartered under the authority of Virginia
76 PTA in the area in which the local PTA/PTSA functions in conformity with such rules and
77 regulations, not in conflict with the bylaws of Virginia PTA or National PTA.

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79 **Section 3.** Virginia PTA shall issue to each local PTA/PTSA in its area a charter evidencing the
80 due association and good standing of this local PTA/PTSA. A local PTA/PTSA in good standing
81 shall:

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- 83 a. Adhere to purposes and basic policies of the PTA.
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- 85 b. Have a minimum of three (3) elected officers, to include one (1) president, a secretary,
86 and one (1) treasurer.
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- 88 c. Submit local PTA/PTSA bylaws to the Virginia PTA state office every five (5) years for
89 approval by the Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Virginia PTA Board of
90 Directors.
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92 d. Submit local unit officers contact information form and verification of local unit's
93 employer identification number (EIN) to the Virginia PTA state office immediately upon
94 election of officers annually.

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96 e. Submit a copy of the fiscal year-end audit report to the Virginia PTA state office within
97 fifteen (15) days following the adoption of the audit report by the general membership.

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99 f. Submit a copy of the filed 990N, 990EZ, or 990 form to the Virginia PTA state office
100 within fifteen (15) days of filing.

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102 g. Remit the Virginia PTA and the National PTA portion of dues to Virginia PTA by dates
103 designated in these bylaws.

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105 h. Provide information for members who have joined the association during the reporting
106 period as prescribed by the Virginia PTA.

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108 i. Meet other criteria as may be prescribed by Virginia PTA.

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110 **Section 4.** Each local PTA/PTSA shall adopt such bylaws for the governance of the association as
111 may be approved by Virginia PTA. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with the bylaws of
112 Virginia PTA or the bylaws of National PTA. Such bylaws shall include an article on amendments
113 and shall include a provision establishing a quorum.

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115 **Section 5.** The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the bylaws of National PTA shall
116 serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by the local PTA/PTSA to
117 amend correspondingly the bylaws of the local PTA/PTSA.

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119 **Section 6.** Each local PTA/PTSA is required by Virginia PTA to include in its bylaws articles and
120 sections that are identified by the pound symbol (#).

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122 **Section 7.** Each officer or board member of a local PTA/PTSA shall be a member of such local
123 PTA/PTSA.

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125 **Section 8.** Only members of a local PTA/PTSA who have paid dues for the current membership
126 year may participate in the business of this association.

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128 **Section 9.** Each local PTA/PTSA shall keep such permanent books of account and records as shall
129 be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts, and disbursements of the local unit
130 including, specifically, the number of its members, the dues collected from its members, and the
131 amounts of dues remitted to Virginia PTA and council (if member of a council). Such books of
132 account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized
133 representative of Virginia PTA or, where directed by the committee on state and local relations.
134 Such authorized representative shall have full access in cases where account information and
135 records are required from banks.

137 **Section 10.** There will be no proxy voting by local PTA/PTSA, nor any constituent association of
138 National PTA.

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140 **Section 11.** The members of the nominating committee for officers of a local PTA/PTSA shall be
141 elected by the general membership.

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143 **Section 12.** A local PTA/PTSA member shall not serve as a voting member of a constituent
144 association's board at the local, council, district, state, or national level while serving as a paid
145 employee of, or under contract to, that constituent association.

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147 **Section 13.** A local PTA/PTSA may address legislative items or issues if the position on the
148 legislative item or issue does not conflict with that of the Virginia PTA Legislation Program. The
149 local unit's name must be used and not that of Virginia PTA.

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151 **Section 14.** The local PTA/PTSA fiscal year shall begin and end as designated in the bylaws with
152 the ending date the last day of a calendar month.

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154 **Section 15.** The charter of a local PTA/PTSA shall be subject to withdrawal and the status of such
155 association as a PTA/PTSA unit shall be subject to termination, in the manner and under the
156 circumstances provided in the bylaws of Virginia PTA.

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158 **Section 16.** Each local PTA/PTSA is obligated upon withdrawal of its charter by Virginia PTA to:

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- 160 a. Yield and surrender all of its books and records and all of its assets and property to
161 Virginia PTA or to such agency as may be designated by Virginia PTA or to another local
162 PTA/PTSA organized under the authority of Virginia PTA.
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 - 164 b. Cease and desist from the further use of any name that implies or connotes association
165 with Virginia PTA, National PTA or status as a constituent association of National PTA.
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 - 167 c. Carry out promptly, under the supervision and direction of Virginia PTA, all proceedings
168 necessary for the purpose of dissolving such local PTA/PTSA.

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170 **Section 17.** Any dissolution of a local PTA/PTSA and termination of its affairs shall take place in
171 the following manner:

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- 173 a. The executive board shall adopt a written resolution recommending that the local
174 PTA/PTSA be dissolved and directing that the question of such dissolution be submitted to
175 a vote at a special meeting of the general membership having voting rights at the time of
176 the meeting.
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 - 178 1. Only those funds approved by the general membership in the current budget year
179 may be spent.
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 - 181 2. Written notice of the adoption of such resolution accompanied by a copy of the
182 notice of the special meeting for the members shall be given to the president of

183 Virginia PTA at least thirty (30) days before the date fixed for such special meeting
184 of the members.

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186 3. A complete membership list including contact information shall be provided to
187 the Virginia PTA state office at least thirty (30) days before the date fixed for such
188 special meeting of the members.

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190 b. Written notice stating the purpose of such meeting to consider dissolving the local
191 PTA/PTSA shall be given to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such
192 meeting. Such meeting shall be held only during the academic school year.

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194 c. A dissolution quorum must be met for the general membership of the local PTA/PTSA
195 to consider the resolution to dissolve. The dissolution quorum includes the required
196 quorum for general membership meetings per local PTA/PTSA bylaws plus a majority of
197 the executive board members.

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199 d. Prior to the vote on dissolution, the president of Virginia PTA, or his/her designated
200 representative, shall be permitted to attend the meeting and shall be allowed to speak for a
201 minimum of sixty (60) minutes followed by a maximum of sixty (60) minutes question and
202 answer session.

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204 e. Voting shall be by ballot.

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206 f. Only those persons who are members of the local PTA/PTSA on the date of adoption of
207 the resolution and who continue to be members on the date of the special meeting shall be
208 entitled to vote on dissolution.

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210 g. Upon the dissolution of this local PTA/PTSA, after paying or adequately providing for
211 the debts and obligations of the association, the association's financial holdings, property,
212 all records and all remaining assets shall be distributed to Virginia PTA held in escrow and
213 if not claimed by the resolved unit within two years it remains with the Virginia PTA in
214 order to further the mission and purpose of the Virginia PTA.

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216 h. Upon adoption to dissolve, the local PTA/PTSA's charter will be withdrawn by Virginia
217 PTA in accordance with state bylaws.

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219 **Section 18.** Each member of a local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues to the association as
220 approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting after having been given at least
221 thirty (30) days written notice. The amount of such annual dues shall include the portions payable
222 to the local PTA/PTSA, council (if a member of council), Virginia PTA, and National PTA.

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224 **Section 19.** Each local PTA/PTSA shall remit a portion of such dues to Virginia PTA by dates
225 designated in these bylaws and to council (if a member of council).

229 **#Article 5: Membership and Dues**

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231 **Section 1.** Every individual who is a member of this local PTA/PTSA also is a member of
232 Virginia PTA and National PTA by which this PTA/PTSA is chartered and, as such, is entitled to
233 all the benefits of such membership.

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235 **Section 2.** Membership in this local PTA/PTSA shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone
236 who believes in and supports the mission and purposes of National PTA.

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238 **Section 3.** This local PTA/PTSA shall conduct an annual enrollment of members but may admit
239 persons to membership at any time.

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241 **Section 4.** PTAs with students in secondary schools, as defined by their local school division,
242 shall offer membership to students.

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244 **Section 5.** A person may hold membership in one or more local PTA/PTAs upon payment of all-
245 inclusive dues as required in each local PTA/PTAs' bylaws.

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247 **Section 6.** Only members of this local PTA/PTSA shall be eligible to vote in the business of this
248 local PTA/PTSA or to serve in any of its elected or appointed positions.

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250 **Section 7.** Each member of this local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues as may be determined by
251 this association. The amount of such dues shall include the portion payable to Virginia PTA (the
252 "state portion") and the portion payable to National PTA (the "national portion").

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254 **Section 8.** Each member of a local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues to the association as
255 approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting after having been given at least
256 thirty (30) days' notice. The amount of such annual dues shall include the portions payable to the
257 local unit, Virginia PTA and National PTA.

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259 **Section 9.** The amount of the Virginia PTA state portion of each member's dues shall be
260 determined by the Virginia PTA. The Virginia PTA portion of each member's dues shall be one
261 dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per annum. The National PTA portion of each member's dues shall
262 be two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per annum.

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264 **Section 10.** Virginia PTA and National PTA portions of the dues paid by each member of this
265 local PTA/PTSA shall be set aside by this local PTA/PTSA and remitted to Virginia PTA through
266 such channels and at such times as Virginia PTA bylaws may provide. Each state PTA shall pay to
267 National PTA the amount of the national portion of dues paid by all members of local PTAs in its
268 area.

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270 **Section 11.** The membership term is July 1 to June 30.

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272 **Section 12.** Payment of Virginia PTA and National PTA dues:

274 a. The Virginia PTA and National PTA portions of the dues paid by each member of a local
275 PTA/PTSA shall be the property of Virginia PTA and National PTA, respectively, and
276 shall not be included in the local PTA/PTSA's budget.
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278 b. Membership dues shall be remitted to Virginia PTA at the Virginia PTA state office on
279 or before November 1. Additional membership dues received after November 1 shall be
280 remitted to Virginia PTA at the Virginia PTA state office on or before December 1.
281 Membership dues received after December 1 shall be remitted to Virginia PTA at the
282 Virginia PTA state office on or before March 1. Membership dues received after March 1
283 shall be remitted to Virginia PTA at the Virginia PTA state office on or before June 30.
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285 c. A list of members who joined the association during the reporting period shall be kept
286 by the local PTA/PTSA units and submitted as prescribed by Virginia PTA.
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288 **Section 13.** Virginia PTA Honorary Life Membership may be conferred for distinguished service,
289 for which a fee shall be paid to Virginia PTA. This fee shall be deposited in the special Life
290 Membership Scholarship Fund of Virginia PTA. Virginia PTA Honorary Life Membership
291 entitles a recipient to attend Virginia PTA annual meeting as a non-voting participant without
292 payment of the registration fee.
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294 **Section 14.** National PTA Life Achievement Award may be conferred for distinguished service,
295 for which a fee shall be paid to the National PTA for the Endowment Fund. The National PTA
296 Life Achievement Award provides only National Convention guest privileges upon payment of the
297 convention registration fee.
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299 **Section 15.** A holder of a Virginia PTA Honorary Life Membership holder or National PTA Life
300 Achievement Award may be an active member only upon payment of dues in a local PTA/PTSA
301 unit.
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303 **Article 6: Officers and Their Election**

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305 **Section 1.** The officers of this PTA/PTSA shall consist of:
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307 a. One (1) president.
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309 b. One (1) president-elect.
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311 c. Four (4) vice presidents.
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313 d. One (1) secretary.
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315 e. One (1) treasurer.
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317 **#Section 2.** Only members whose individual dues are paid to this local PTA/PTSA for the current
318 fiscal year shall be eligible to hold office, and to serve on the executive committee, executive

319 board, standing or special committees, or to serve as a delegate or alternate to the council or
320 district.

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322 **#Section 3.** Nominating committee:

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324 a. Each member of the nominating committee must be a member of this local PTA/PTSA.

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326 b. The nominating committee shall consist of three (3) members, who shall be elected by
327 the members of this local PTA/PTSA at their regular general membership meeting at least
328 two (2) months prior to the election of officers. The committee shall elect its own
329 chairman.

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331 c. The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled,
332 except the office of president, and report its nominees to the members at a regular general
333 membership meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to the general membership election
334 meeting. At the general membership election meeting additional nominations may be made
335 from the floor.

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337 d. Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve, if elected, shall be
338 nominated for or elected to such office. It is understood that the president-elect, by
339 accepting the nomination is agreeing to automatically succeed to the office of president at
340 the end of his/her term as president-elect.

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342 **#Section 4.** Officers shall be elected by the following method:

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344 a. Officers shall be elected at the general membership election meeting in the month of
345 September. The president-elect shall automatically succeed the office of president.

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347 b. If there is more than one nominee for office, then the voting shall be by ballot. A
348 majority of the votes cast shall constitute which nominees are elected. However, if there
349 is but one nominee for office, election for that office may be by voice vote. If by ballot
350 vote, the secretary shall be responsible for destroying all ballots at the end of the general
351 membership election meeting.

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353 c. Officers, except the treasurer, shall assume their official duties immediately following
354 the close of the meeting in the month of September. The treasurer shall assume his/her
355 official duties upon the completion of the auditing process outlined in these bylaws.

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357 **#Section 5.** Officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.

358 No person shall hold more than one (1) elected office at a time on this local unit. No local unit

359 officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, not to exceed two (2) years in the same

360 office; however no person shall serve in the office of president for more than a consecutive term

361 and no person shall serve in the office of president elect for more than a consecutive term.

362 Current Local Unit President shall not serve as President-elect the following term. Officers who

363 have served in an office for more than one-half (1/2) of a full term shall be deemed to have
364 served a full term in such office.

365
366 **#Section 6.** Vacancies in any office shall be filled by the following method:
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368 a. A vacancy occurring in any office except that of president or president-elect shall be
369 filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the Executive
370 Board at their next scheduled meeting. In case of a vacancy in the office of president, the
371 president-elect shall become president and shall hold office for the balance of the term.
372 The vacancy in the office of president-elect shall be filled at the next General
373 Membership meeting by the voting body. In the interim, the duties of the president-elect
374 shall be delegated by the president.

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376 b. If there is more than one nominee for any office, then the voting shall be by ballot. A
377 majority of the votes cast shall constitute which nominees are elected. However, if there
378 is but one nominee for office, election for that office may be by voice vote. If by ballot
379 vote, the secretary shall be responsible for destroying all ballots at the end of the meeting.
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381 c. When a ten (10) day notice of the election is given, a majority of votes cast shall
382 constitute an election. Without such notice a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present shall
383 be required.
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385 **PROVISO:** The office of president-elect will be initiated in the election of September 2020 with
386 the election of all officers, including the office of president. In the election of September 2021, the
387 current president-elect will automatically succeed into the office of president. With the election of
388 September 2020 and all following elections, the office of president will be removed from the
389 election.
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391 **Article 7: Duties of Officers**

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393 **Section 1.** The president shall:
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395 a. Preside at all meetings of this local PTA/PTSA.
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397 b. Coordinate the work of the officers and committees of this local PTA/PTSA in order
398 that the purposes may be promoted.
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400 #c. Submit this local PTA/PTSA officers' contact information form and verification of
401 this local PTA/PTSA's employer identification number (EIN) to the Virginia PTA state
402 office immediately upon election of officers annually.
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404 d. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws.
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406 #e. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees of this local PTA/PTSA except the
407 nominating committee.
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409 **Section 2.** The president-elect shall:

- 410 a. Act as aide to the president.
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- 412 b. Perform duties of the president in the absence or inability of that officer to act.
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- 415 c. Understand that by accepting the nomination of president-elect, they agree to
- 416 automatically succeed to the office of president at the end of their term as president-elect.
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- 418 d. Perform other delegated duties as assigned.
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420 **Section 3.** The vice president(s) shall:

- 421 a. Act as aide(s) to the president.
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- 424 b. In their designated order, perform the duties of the president in the absence or inability
- 425 of the officer to act.
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- 427 VP Membership
- 428 VP Finance
- 429 VP Communications
- 430 VP Events
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432 c. Perform other delegated duties as assigned.

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434 **#Section 4.** The secretary shall:

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- 436 a. Record the minutes of all meetings of the local PTA/PTSA.
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- 438 b. Keep the official copy of the local PTA/PTSA bylaws in his/her files.
- 439
- 440 c. Maintain a membership list as required by Virginia PTA.
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- 442 d. Perform other delegated duties as assigned.
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444 **#Section 5.** The treasurer shall:

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- 446 a. Have custody of all funds and finances of the local PTA/PTSA.
- 447
- 448 b. Keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures as described in these
- 449 bylaws.
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- 451 c. Make disbursements as authorized by the president, executive board, or general
- 452 membership in accordance with the budget adopted by the general membership.
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- 454 d. Have checks or vouchers signed by two (2) officers, preferably the treasurer and the
455 president.
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- 457 e. Present a written financial statement at every meeting of the local PTA/PTSA and at
458 other times when requested by the executive board.
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- 460 f. Prepare an annual financial report at the close of the fiscal year.
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- 462 g. Have the accounts examined according to the auditing procedures outlined in these
463 bylaws.
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- 465 h. Submit a copy of the fiscal year-end audit report to the Virginia PTA state office
466 within fifteen (15) days following the adoption of the audit by the membership.
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- 468 i. Submit a 990N, 990EZ, or 990 form per IRS regulations. A copy of this form shall be
469 sent to the Virginia PTA state office within fifteen (15) days of filing.
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- 471 j. Remit by November 1 to the Virginia PTA state office, Virginia PTA and National
472 PTA dues for membership received prior to November 1. Remit by December 1, dues
473 received after November 1. Remit by March 1, dues received after December 1. Remit by
474 June 30, all Virginia PTA and National PTA dues received after March 1.
475
- 476 k. Perform other delegated duties as assigned.
477

478 **#Section 6.** All officers shall perform the duties outlined in these bylaws. Upon the expiration of
479 the term of office or in case of resignation, each officer shall turn over to the president, without
480 delay, all records, books, and other materials pertaining to the office.
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482 **Article 8: Executive Committee**

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484 **Section 1.** The executive committee shall consist of the elected officers of the association and
485 the principal of the school.
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487 **Section 2.** The executive committee shall:
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489 a. Develop goals for the local PTA/PTSA for presentation to the executive board and
490 general membership for approval.
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492 b. Appoint standing and special committee chairmen and members of the standing and
493 special committees, except the nominating committee.
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495 **Section 3.** The executive committee shall meet within thirty (30) days after their election for the
496 purpose of appointing standing committee chairmen. Special committee chairmen shall be
497 appointed as necessary. Members of the standing and special committees shall be appointed as
498 soon as possible after the appointment of the committee chairmen.

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Section 4. Meetings of the executive committee shall be held by the call of the president or a majority of the executive committee, seven (7) days' notice having been given. A quorum of the executive committee shall be a majority of the members of the committee then in office.

#Section 5. The executive committee shall reserve the right to vote on business via electronic vote. Only the president shall have the authority to call for an electronic vote and to establish the guidelines for that vote. The established quorum of the executive committee shall prevail. Voting results must be recorded in the minutes and ratified at the next executive committee meeting.

#Section 6. The executive committee may hold meetings by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting. Some or all of the members may participate electronically at a meeting held at a central location so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting.

Article 9: Executive Board

Section 1. The executive board of this local PTA/PTSA shall consist of the elected officers and the chairmen of the standing committees. The principal of the school or his/her designee and a staff representative or his/her alternate, appointed by the principal or elected by the faculty, also may serve on the executive board. The chairmen of the standing committees shall be appointed by the officers of the association not more than thirty (30) days following the election of officers.

#Section 2. A PTA/PTSA member shall not serve as a voting member of a constituent association's board at the local, council, district, region, state, or national level while serving as a paid employee of, or under contract to, that constituent association.

Section 3. The executive board shall:

- a. Transact necessary business in the intervals between general membership meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by this local PTA/PTSA and present a report to the general membership at the general membership meetings.
- b. Create, change or eliminate standing and special committees.
- c. Approve the plans of work of the standing and special committees.
- #d. Select an auditing committee, experienced auditor, or attend an external audit exchange.
- #e. Approve the proposed budget to be presented to the general membership for adoption.
- #f. Obtain general membership approval for any changes to the adopted budget over three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per fiscal year.

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#Section 4. Auditing Procedures:

a. The executive board shall select an auditing committee, experienced auditor, or choose to participate in an external audit exchange prior to the end of the fiscal year. An auditing committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members and no one with signature authority shall sit on their own auditing committee. All audit exchanges shall be coordinated with at least one (1) other PTA/PTSA unit.

b. The local PTA/PTSA treasurer shall submit books to the auditing committee, experienced auditor, or the external audit exchange at the end of the fiscal year. The audit report shall be submitted in writing to the executive board prior to finalization of the proposed budget for the coming school year.

c. The executive board of a local PTA/PTSA shall upon resignation of the treasurer during a term select an auditing committee or an experienced auditor within one (1) week of the resignation. The audit shall be performed with fiscal year-end auditing procedures and shall be complete within three (3) weeks of the resignation. This audit shall not be performed in lieu of the year-end audit.

d. The newly elected treasurer shall not undertake any banking responsibilities of that office with the exception of depository duties, reconciliation of bank statements, change of signatory or other clerical duties not requiring signatory until the audit is presented to the executive board.

e. All audit reports shall be presented to the general membership for adoption. The fiscal year-end audit report shall be presented to the membership for adoption at the first general membership meeting held after the completion of the report. A copy of the fiscal year-end audit shall be sent to the Virginia PTA state office within fifteen (15) days following the adoption of the audit by the general membership.

f. The local PTA/PTSA is required to file a 990N, 990EZ, or 990 form per IRS regulations. A copy of this form shall be sent to the Virginia PTA state office within fifteen (15) days of filing.

#Section 5. If any member of the executive board shall at any time, cease to meet the qualifications or fulfill the duties of the position, that person may be removed from the board by a majority vote of the executive board.

Section 6. The executive board shall hold at least ten (10) meetings during the year. The time and place of meetings shall be set at the first meeting of the executive board after their election. Special meetings of the executive board may be called by the president or by a majority of the members of the executive board, seven (7) days' notice being given. A quorum of the executive board members shall be a majority of the members of the executive board then in office.

590 **#Section 7:** The executive board shall reserve the right to vote on business via electronic vote.
591 Only the president shall have the authority to call for an electronic vote and to establish the
592 guidelines for that vote. The established quorum of the executive board shall prevail. Voting
593 results must be recorded in the minutes and ratified at the next executive board meeting.

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595 **#Section 8.** The executive board may hold meetings by telephone conference or through other
596 electronic communications media so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other
597 and participate during the meeting. Some or all of the members may participate electronically at
598 a meeting held at a central location so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each
599 other and participate during the meeting.

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602 **Article 10: Committees**

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604 **#Section 1.** Chairmen and members of all standing and special committees shall be members of
605 this local PTA/PTSA.

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607 **Section 2.** The executive board may create, change or eliminate such standing committees as it
608 may deem necessary to promote the purposes and carry on the work of the local PTA/PTSA.
609 Standing committee chairmen and committee members shall be appointed by the executive
610 committee, except for the nominating committee. In the absence of an executive committee then
611 the executive board shall make the appointments. The term of each chairman shall be **one (1)**
612 year or until the selection of a successor. No chairman shall be eligible to serve in the same
613 capacity for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

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615 **Section 3.** The executive board may create, change or eliminate such special committees as it
616 may deem necessary or as may be directed by the local PTA/PTSA. Special committee chairmen
617 and committee members shall be appointed by the executive committee. In the absence of an
618 executive committee then the executive board shall make the appointments. The term of each
619 special committee chairman is ended upon completion of the task assigned to the committee. No
620 special committee chairman shall be eligible to serve in the same capacity for more than two (2)
621 consecutive terms.

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623 **Section 4.** The chairman of each standing and special committee shall present a plan of work to
624 the executive board for approval. No committee work shall be undertaken without the consent of
625 the executive board.

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627 **#Section 5.** The committee shall reserve the right to vote on business via electronic vote. Only
628 the committee chair shall have the authority to call for an electronic vote and to establish the
629 guidelines for that vote. The established quorum of the committee shall prevail. Voting results
630 must be recorded in the minutes and ratified at the next committee meeting.

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632 **#Section 6.** Committees may hold meetings by telephone conference or through other electronic
633 communications media so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other and
634 participate during the meeting. Some or all of the members may participate electronically at a

635 meeting held at a central location so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other
636 and participate during the meeting.

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638 **Section 7.** The quorum of any committee shall be a majority of its members.

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640 **Section 8.** The president shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees of this local
641 PTA/PTSA except the nominating committee.

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643 **#Section 9.** Committee chairmen shall turn over to the president, without delay, all records,
644 books and other materials pertaining to the committee at the end of the term served or when
645 departing office.

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647 **Article 11: General Membership Meetings**

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649 **Section 1.** Regular meetings of this local PTA/PTSA shall be held at least five (5) times during
650 the school year, seven (7) days' notice having been given.

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652 **Section 2.** The general membership election meeting shall be held in September.

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654 **Section 3.** Special meetings of this local PTA/PTSA may be called by the president or by a
655 majority of the executive board, seven (7) days' notice having been given.

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657 **Section 4.** Voting on routine matters may be by voice vote; however, motions requiring a two-
658 thirds (2/3) affirmative vote (e.g. votes on bylaws) shall be by a rising vote or show of hands by the
659 verified members of this local PTA/PTSA.

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661 **Section 5.** Ten (10) members, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any
662 meeting of this local PTA/PTSA.

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664 **Article 12: Council Membership**

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666 **Section 1.** Selection of delegates:

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668 a. This local PTA/PTSA shall be represented in meetings of the Richmond Council Parent
669 Teacher Association by the president or alternate, the principal or alternate, and by two (2)
670 delegate(s) or alternate(s).

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672 b. Delegates and alternates shall be appointed in December.

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674 c. Delegates to the Richmond Council PTA shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until
675 the selection of a successor. No delegate shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive
676 terms.

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678 **Section 2.** This local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues as prescribed in council bylaws to the
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Section 3. Responsibilities of delegates:

- a. Delegates shall report activities of the council to the local PTA/PTSA and shall present to council such matters as may be referred to it by the local PTA/PTSA.
- b. Delegates shall vote on all issues as instructed by their local PTA/PTSA; but if not instructed, they shall use their own discretion, except as provided by council bylaws.

#Article 13: District Membership

Section 1. This local PTA/PTSA shall be a member of the district designated by Virginia PTA. This local PTA/PTSA is in the Richmond District of Virginia PTA.

Section 2. The district shall act as liaison between Virginia PTA and local units, to coordinate policies and current programs of local units with those of Virginia PTA, and shall submit votes cast by local unit members in their respective districts for the Virginia PTA Proposed Legislation Program to the Virginia PTA Legislation/Education Committee chairman for tabulation.

Section 3. Local units in good standing are entitled to be represented at the Annual District Meeting and the District Legislation Workshop by the president or alternate and three (3) other voting delegates. If membership is larger than one hundred (100), there shall be one (1) additional delegate for each fifty (50) memberships or major fraction thereof.

Section 4. Local PTA/PTSA delegates for the district shall report activities of the district to their local PTA/PTSA and shall present to the district such matters as may be referred to it by their local PTA/PTSA. Delegates shall vote on all issues as instructed by their local PTA/PTSA; but if not instructed, they shall use their own discretion.

#Article 14: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this local PTA/PTSA shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

#Article 15: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern National PTA and its constituent associations in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with these bylaws, the bylaws of Virginia PTA, and the bylaws of National PTA, or the articles of incorporation.

#Article 16: Local Unit Bylaws Revisions and Amendments

Section 1. The bylaws of this Local PTA/PTSA shall be revised and submitted to the Virginia PTA state office every five (5) years for approval by the Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee on

725 behalf of the Virginia PTA Board of Directors. The revision anniversary date will be five (5)
726 years from the Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee date of approval.

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728 **Section 2.** Bylaws shall be reviewed and amended with the following procedures:

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730 a. A committee shall be appointed to submit a revise a set of bylaws as a substitute for
731 existing bylaws or to submit an amendment to current bylaws.

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733 b. Bylaws shall be revised or amended at a regular meeting of the local PTA/PTSA
734 provided notice and a copy of the proposed bylaws revision or amendments are provided to
735 the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the revision or the
736 amendments are to be voted upon. A quorum shall be established at the meeting in which
737 voting takes place. The revision or amendments are subject to approval by the Virginia
738 PTA Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Virginia PTA Board of Directors. The proposed
739 bylaws revision or amendments require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and
740 voting.

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742 c. Submission of amendments and revised bylaws for approval by Virginia PTA shall be in
743 accordance with the bylaws of Virginia PTA.

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745 d. Each local PTA/PTSA is required by Virginia PTA to include in its bylaws articles and
746 sections that are identified by the pound symbol (#).

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748 e. The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the Bylaws of Virginia PTA
749 identified by the pound symbol (#) shall serve to automatically and without requirement of
750 further action by the local PTA/PTSA to amend correspondingly its bylaws.

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752 **Section 3.** The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the Bylaws of National PTA shall
753 serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by this local PTA/PTSA to
754 amend correspondingly the bylaws of this local PTA/PTSA.

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756 **#Required by Virginia PTA in all district, council, and local unit bylaws.**