

Why Join PTA?

“I believe that **it is every adult’s inherent responsibility to ensure that all children succeed.** I know that my involvement today, no matter how big or small, ensures endless possibilities for millions of children tomorrow.”



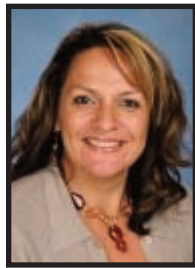
~ Tony Moore, vice president for communications for Fifth District PTA (San Bernardino County)

“**PTA gives a voice to parents and families.** At a time when advocacy for education is more important than ever, PTA is a respected, credible and effective statewide organization that speaks on behalf of all students and families.”



~ Mary Jane Burke
Marin County Superintendent of Schools

“The best way to help our children in school is to get involved in their education. An excellent way to become informed and involved is by joining the PTA. **PTA provides support and resources that will let you make a real difference for your family and for all families.**”



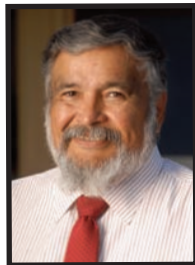
~ Silvia Flores, Vice President for Leadership Services Tenth District PTA (Los Angeles County)

“**Schools can be intimidating, but PTA lets parents know they are not alone** – it really gives them a forum for ideas and ways that they can be more involved. And there’s such a direct link between parent involvement and achievement.”



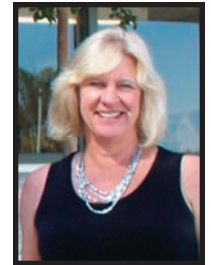
~ Alex Kajitani, math teacher at Mission Middle School in Escondido, the Rappin’ Mathematician, and 2009 California Teacher of the Year (San Diego County)

“**I think the way to ask people to join is to do it in person.** I talk to people about what PTA is doing for children. I let them know my grandchildren are getting a better education because of PTA.”



~ Richard Velasquez,
President of Sixth District PTA (Santa Clara County)

“**The PTA truly is a team of parents and teachers, united** to support the health, safety, and academic growth of every child at every school.”



~ Betsy Schmechel, Principal
Washington Elementary School (Riverside County)

Get Connected for Kids



PTA is for everyone –

Parents, family members, educators, students, community and business leaders

- **PTA is the best way to become informed and involved in your children's education.** Research shows that when parents are involved in their children's education, their students earn higher grades and test scores, have better attendance and are more likely to graduate and go on to college.
- PTA puts children first. We are committed to bringing together parents, teachers, administrators, school board members and interested citizens to **work together for all children and youth.**
- **PTA's strength is its membership.** When PTA members speak on behalf of all children and their families, they are heard from the principal's office to the Capitol.
- PTA practices ensure democratic rules are followed **to allow all members to participate fully.**
- **PTA offers a wide array of resources, training, programs and information** to help PTA members at all levels.
- **PTA speaks out for all children** at all levels of government. Volunteers monitor legislation and testify on bills and keep members informed of legislative issues that affect children and youth.
- **Everyone who cares about the children and youth of California and the future of our state has a place in PTA.**

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