

## PTA or PTSA?



Any PTA or PTSA can involve students. Using the name PTSA illustrates a strong commitment to student involvement.

Student involvement is the active inclusion and effective participation of students of all ages in the work of the PTA/PTSA organization. Involving students is a commitment by parents, teachers and students to teamwork – a vital process to help train youth to be advocates and community leaders.

The California State PTA encourages and promotes full student participation in PTA/PTSA leadership, planning, events, and programs.

### **The PTA bylaws must be revised to change the name from PTA to PTSA.**

When the bylaws are changed to make the unit a PTSA, provision should be made for at least one position on the executive board to be filled by a student. Your unit bylaws should be reviewed for further information – amendments, officers, election of the nominating committee and elections. It is strongly recommended that the entire bylaws – each article and section – be reviewed. The Change of Status form and revised bylaws must be sent to the California State PTA through channels (unit to council, if in council, to district PTA to California State PTA).