

# Membership in multiple PTAs

## *Talking points*

**A parent at your school says, “Why do I need to hold a PTA membership in each of the schools my children attend?”**

**A teacher at your school says, “My child attends another school, and I belong to that PTA, so there is no need for me to join where I work.”**

### **Rights of membership**

Only PTA members are entitled to make motions, debate and vote at their respective PTA meetings. Having children in multiple schools gives parents and teachers the opportunity to have a voice in each of their children’s PTAs. Every child in every PTA must be represented!

### **Student support**

Each PTA uses its membership dues to support the education and success of each student at its school. PTA programs supporting parent and community involvement can result in higher grades and test scores, improved attendance and greater enrollment in postsecondary education.

### **Benefits for members**

Membership dues from each PTA are used to provide parents at each school with information on issues and programs concerning the education, health, and welfare of children and youth. Members of PTA have access to an extensive information and support network at their school.

### **Benefits for the school**

Each school benefits from PTA. Membership at each school supports additional resources to improve teaching and higher quality learning programs. Families and school staff work together, giving parents a voice in important decisions that affect their children at that school.

### **Advocacy**

Each PTA membership provides one more voice in local, state and national issues. The greater our membership, the greater our strength as an association, the greater and louder our voice, the more effective our advocacy efforts for each child at every school.

### **Training for PTA leaders**

Membership dues from each PTA are used to provide resources and training for PTA leaders and volunteers at your school. Training includes safe management of PTA funds that belong to YOU, the member.

### **Be a role model**

Let each of your children know that you think their education is important. Be a positive role model – be involved in each child’s PTA!