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TO: District Presidents
FROM: California State PTA President
RE: Application materials for student board member on
California State PTA Board of Managers

Application materials for interested students to serve a one year term as student board members on the California State PTA Board of Managers are enclosed. Application deadline into the California State PTA office is March 15.

Please encourage interested students to apply and provide them with the necessary forms: Exhibits V2 and V4.

V2: California State PTA Board of Managers Student Board Member Application (two pages)
V4: Guidelines for Serving as a Student Board Member on the California State PTA Board of Managers (one page)

All applicants for student board member must be personally interviewed by the district PTA president.

The California State PTA Board of Managers Student Board Member Interview District President Evaluation (V5) is for you as the district president to complete and mail to the California State PTA office. The evaluation form is not given to student applicants.

To be eligible, the student must be a member of PTA, be between 15-21 years of age, and complete the application form (V2) which must be signed by student applicant's parent/guardian if the student is under 18 years of age. Additionally, three letters of recommendation are required: 1) from applicant's counselor, teacher or school administrator, 2) from the president of the PTA/PTSA, and 3) from someone with knowledge of student's abilities and achievements. A letter from the student's school district authorizing release time from class and school assignments must also be submitted.

Meetings of the California State PTA Board of Managers are held five times a year. First meeting of the term is held in July, subsequent meetings are held in October, January, February/March and April/May which includes the annual California State PTA convention. A student board member is expected to attend each board meeting, which is usually held Thursday through Saturday, and the annual convention; therefore the student will miss regular class sessions. Student board members will be reimbursed for board meeting travel expenses and will be provided a per diem allowance during their stay at the meeting.

Students are valuable members of the California State PTA Board of Managers. Students share their perspective on current issues, voice their concerns and provide insight during all meetings they attend. Volunteer service as a member of the board provides students an opportunity to further develop leadership skills within the framework and organizational structure of the California State PTA.

The Board of Directors will select student representatives from the applications received by the March 15 deadline. I hope the new student board members will be able to attend this year's convention.

Thank you for publicizing this wonderful opportunity for students to serve as members of the Board of Managers. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

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