

# BYLAWS

of

Englewood Cliffs PTA

Proper Title of Local PTA - As Chartered

Englewood Cliffs

City or Town

Bergen

County

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Local PTA #

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These bylaws are official documents of the Local PTA and should be kept in a secure place; ("Official Copy" by Recording Secretary and "Duplicate Copy" by the President). When new officers are elected, these documents shall be given to their successors.

These bylaws are presented for the use of parent-teacher associations that are in membership with the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the State branch. Articles marked with a double (\*\*) star are mandatory and must be included as stated (No changes may be made) in the bylaws of all local parent-teacher associations.

(\*\*) State Congress requirement  
Footnotes are for explanation

### PTA "Service Marks"

The Congress of Patents of the United States has granted to the National PTA registrations of two service marks, which may be used by it and by each of the State PTAs and Local PTAs as a means of identification on pamphlets, books, and other publications and printed materials issued by the organizations. The service marks are:

PTA (Certificate of Registration No. 808987 issued May 24, 1966)

Parent-Teacher Association (Certificate of Registration No. 810576 issued June 28, 1966)

It is a condition of the use of these marks by the State PTA; and Local PTAs that they shall in all respects conform to the standards established in the Bylaws of the National PTA, State PTAs, and Local PTAs, in good standing may avail themselves of the privilege of using either or both of these identifying service marks.

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## ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization is the Englewood Cliffs PTA  
Proper Title of Local PTA Name  
PTA/PTSA of Englewood Cliffs, Bergen, NJ. It is a Local PTA/PTSA (hereafter  
City, County and State  
referred to as *PTA*) organized under the authority of the New Jersey Congress of Parents and Teachers, a branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers (the National PTA).

## \*\* ARTICLE II: Purposes

**Section 1.** The purposes of the *PTA*, in common with those of the National PTA and the New Jersey PTA, are:

- a. To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship;
- b. To raise the standards of home life;
- c. To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth;
- d. To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth; and
- e. To develop between educators and the general public united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

**Section 2.** The purposes of the *PTA* are promoted, in cooperation with the National PTA and the New Jersey PTA, through an educational program directed towards parents, teachers, and the general public; are developed through conferences, committees, projects, and programs; and are governed and qualified by the basic policies set forth in Article III.

**Section 3.** The organization is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code (hereinafter "Internal Revenue Code").

## \*\*ARTICLE III: Basic Policies

The following are basic policies of the *PTA*, in common with those of the National PTA and the New Jersey PTA:

- a. The organization shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan;
- b. The organization or members in their official capacities shall not endorse a commercial entity or engage in activities not related to promoting the Objects of the organization;
- c. The organization or members in their official capacities shall not, directly or indirectly, participate or intervene (in any way, including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; or devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise;

- d. The organization shall work with the schools to provide quality education for all children and youth and shall seek to participate in the decision making process establishing school policy, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education, state education authorities, and local education authorities;
- e. The organization shall not enter into membership with other organizations except such international or national organizations as may be approved by the National PTA Board of Directors. The New Jersey PTA or any of its divisions may cooperate with other organizations and agencies concerned with child welfare, but PTA/PTSA representatives shall make no commitments that bind the group they represent;
- f. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers or other private persons except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof;
- g. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (2) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- h. Upon the dissolution of this organization, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit funds, foundations, or organizations that have established their tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **\*\*ARTICLE IV: Relationship With National PTA And New Jersey PTA**

**Section 1.** This Local PTA shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the New Jersey PTA in the area in which the Local PTA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws, as the New Jersey PTA may in its bylaws prescribe. The New Jersey PTA shall issue to this Local PTA an appropriate charter evidencing the due organization and good standing of the Local PTA.

- a. A Local PTA in good standing is one that: Adheres to the purposes and basic policies of the PTA;
- b. Remits the national portion of the dues through the New Jersey PTA to reach the national office by dates designated by the National PTA;
- c. Has bylaws approved according to the procedures of New Jersey PTA; and
- d. Meets other criteria as may be prescribed by the New Jersey PTA.

**Section 2.** The articles of organization of this Local PTA include (a) the bylaws of such organization and (b) the certificate of incorporation or articles of incorporation of such organization (in cases in which the organization is a corporation) or the articles of association by whatever name (in cases in which the organization exists as an unincorporated association).

**Section 3.** This Local PTA shall adopt such bylaws for the government of the organization as may be approved by the New Jersey PTA. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws or the Bylaws of the New Jersey PTA.

**Section 4.** This Local PTA shall include in its bylaws provisions corresponding to the New Jersey PTA Bylaws as are identified herein by a double star.

**Section 5.** The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the New Jersey PTA Bylaws identified by a double star shall serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by the Local PTA to amend its bylaws. This Local PTA shall promptly incorporate such amendments in its bylaws.

**Section 6.** Bylaws of this Local PTA shall include an article on amendments.

**Section 7.** Bylaws of this Local PTA shall include a provision establishing a quorum.

**Section 8.** Each officer or board member of this Local PTA shall be a member of this Local PTA.

**Section 9.** The bylaws of this Local PTA shall prohibit at all general membership meetings voting by proxy, absentee ballot, telephone, fax, or e-mail.

**Section 10.** A PTA member shall not serve as a voting member of this Local PTA's board while serving as a paid employee of or under contract to this Local PTA.

**Section 11.** Only members of this Local PTA who have paid dues for the current membership year may participate in the business of this Local PTA.

**Section 12.** This Local PTA shall collect dues from its members and shall remit a portion of such dues to the New Jersey PTA as provided in Article V hereof.

**Section 13.** The members of the nominating committee for officers of this Local PTA shall be elected by the general membership.

**Section 14.** This Local PTA shall keep such permanent books of account and records as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts, and disbursements of the organization, including, specifically, the number of its members, the dues collected from its members, and the amounts of dues remitted to the New Jersey PTA. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized representative of the New Jersey PTA or, where directed by the committee on state and national relationships, by a duly authorized representative of the National PTA.

**Section 15.** The charter of this Local PTA shall be subject to withdrawal and the status of such organization as a Local PTA shall be subject to termination, in the manner and under the circumstances provided the bylaws of the New Jersey PTA.

## **\*\*ARTICLE V: Members And Dues**

**Section 1.** Every individual who is a member of the PTA is, by virtue of that fact, a member of the National PTA and of the New Jersey PTA by which this Local PTA is chartered, and is entitled to all the benefits of such membership.

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

**Section 3.** This Local PTA shall conduct an annual enrollment of members but may admit individuals to membership at any time.

**Section 4.** Each member of this local unit shall pay such annual dues to said organization as may be prescribed by the organization. The amount of such dues shall include the portion payable to the New Jersey PTA – the "state portion" – and the portion payable to the National PTA – the "national portion."

**Section 5.** The state portion of each member's dues shall be determined by the New Jersey PTA. The national portion of each member's dues shall be two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per annum.

**Section 6.** The New Jersey PTA portion of each member's dues shall be one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per annum.

**Section 7.** Each member of this Local PTA shall pay annual dues of \$ 20.00 to said organization. The amount of such annual dues shall include the portion payable to the New Jersey PTA and the portion payable to the National PTA.

**Section 8.** The state and national portions of the dues paid by each member of this Local PTA shall be set aside by the Local PTA and remitted to the New Jersey PTA through such channels and at such times as the New Jersey PTA bylaws may provide. New Jersey PTA shall pay to the National PTA the amount of the national portion of dues paid by all members of Local PTAs in its area.

**Section 9.** The Treasurer of each Local PTA shall:

- a. Send the portion of National and State dues of its individual members to the New Jersey PTA office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month starting October 15<sup>th</sup>. Payment of National and State membership dues must be made to be in good standing.

**Section 10.** Members in good standing in a Local PTA are those who abide by their current bylaws and who have paid current dues.

**Section 11.** The privilege of holding office, voting in an election and being an official voting delegate to convention shall be limited to members who have been members in good standing at least 15 days.

**Section 12.** Members who are under the age of 18 years are prohibited under New Jersey law from signing contracts that bind the members of the Local PTA, County Council PTA or the New Jersey PTA.

**Section 13.** The Local PTA membership year shall be from October 1st through September 30th. Reactivated PTAs, having sent dues and a copy of their proposed bylaws to the New Jersey PTA office, shall be recognized in membership for the current year.

**Section 14.** Membership shall be divided into three classes: active, life, and state.

- a. Active members shall be those who are members of a Local PTA and who have paid their current per capita dues to the New Jersey PTA and the National PTA. Only active members shall hold office and serve on standing committees;
- b. Life members shall be those upon whom this honor has been conferred in recognition of service in local, county, or New Jersey PTA work or upon interested educators and personnel who have distinguished themselves in service to children and youth. Life Members may become active members of a Local PTA upon the payment of current dues at the local level; and
- c. State members shall be those who are members of the Garden State PTA and who have paid their current per capita dues of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the New Jersey PTA and National PTA. The national portion of each member's dues shall be two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per annum. The state portion of each member's dues shall be seven dollars and twenty-five cents (\$7.75) per annum. State members shall be entitled to attend the annual state convention as an accredited delegate upon payment of the registration fee.

**Section 15.** All Local PTAs that have paid state and national dues shall be eligible for membership in the County Council. County Councils shall not legislate for locals.

## **ARTICLE VI: Officers**

Only those individuals who have been a member in good standing for 15 days shall be eligible for nomination, either by committee or from floor.

**Section 1.** The officers of this Local PTA shall be a president, 3  
Number  
vice president(s), recording secretary, a corresponding secretary and a treasurer.



**Section 2.** Officers shall be elected by ballot, at a general membership meeting, annually or biennially (circle one), in the month of May. Term of office shall be 2 or until a successor is elected.

Number of Years

**Section 3.** When there is but one candidate for an office, the ballot for that office may be dispensed with and election held by voice vote. A majority vote shall be required for election.

**Section 4.** The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of individuals to be officers of the **PTA**:

- \*\*a. Each officer shall be a member of this Local PTA;
- b. No officers may be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office;
- c. A person who has served more than one-half of a term shall be deemed to have served a full term, in such office; and
- \*\*d. Each officer shall be at least 18 years of age as of the date of the election.
- \*\*e. No person shall hold more than one office at a time.

**Section 5.** Officers shall assume their official duties following the close of the meeting in May (month). All outgoing officers shall deliver to their successors all official material not later than ten (10) days following the conclusion of their term or in case of resignation.

**Section 6.** Vacancies: In the event of the resignation or death of the President, the Executive Board shall elect a president from among those who have served or are serving on the board. Other vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Board. The secretary shall give 7 days notice of such an election. If there is more than one candidate for office, the vote shall be by ballot.

#### **Section 7.** Honorary Office

The title of Honorary President or Honorary Vice President may be conferred by the organization (or executive board). It is a complimentary position unless these bylaws provide otherwise.

**Note: This title is conferred for life but may be rescinded by the local. An honorary office is not an elective office and the title in no way conflicts with members holding a real office or being assigned a duty.**

#### **\*\*Section 8.** Nominations

- a. There shall be a Nominating Committee composed of 5 members (at least three and always an uneven number) who shall be elected by this Local PTA at a regular general membership meeting at least two months prior to the election of officers, as outlined in Article VI, Section 2;
- b. 2 alternate/alternates to the nominating committee shall be elected in the same manner;

- c. The first member elected shall call the committee together and the committees shall elect its own chairman;
- d. The Nominating Committee shall select one (1) eligible person for each office. The Nominating Committee shall report its slate of nominees immediately to the president, as a courtesy. Thirty days prior to the general membership meeting at which elections are to be held (as provided in Article VI, Section 2 of these bylaws) the members shall be informed of the report of the Nominating Committee.
- e. Only persons who have signified their consent in writing shall be eligible to be nominated to such an office, either by committee or from the floor;
- f. Following the final report of the nominating committee at the general membership meeting at which elections are to be held (as provided in Article VI, Section 2 of these bylaws), an opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor; and
- g. Nominees from the floor shall have given 7 (insert a number between 5 and 20) days notice before the general membership meeting at which elections are to be held (as provided in Article VI, Section 2 of these bylaws) of their intent to run. Notification must be in writing to the Local PTA President, Recording Secretary and Nominating Committee Chairman.

**Note: Nominating committee members can be considered for office, they should not be penalized by serving on the nominating committee.**

## **ARTICLE VII: Duties of Officers**

**Section 1.** The president shall preside at all meetings of the Local PTA and of the executive committee/board; shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned to him/her by the Local PTA or by the executive committee/board; and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees of this Local PTA in order that the purposes may be promoted.

**Section 2.** The vice-president(s) shall act as aide(s) to the president and shall in their designated order perform the duties of the president in the President's absence or inability to serve.

**Section 3.** The recording secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the *PTA* and of the executive committee/board, shall have a copy of the approved bylaws, and a membership list available at every meeting, and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her. Immediately following the election meeting, the recording secretary shall send the Annual Report of Local PTA Officers to the State office of the New Jersey PTA and the president of the County Council.

**Section 4.** The corresponding secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the organization as directed by the president, executive committee/board or this Local PTA.

**Note: If there is but one secretary, the secretary shall perform the duties listed in Sections 3 and 4.**

**\*\*Section 5.**

- a. The treasurer shall have custody of all funds of this Local PTA; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; shall pay out local funds in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by this Local PTA;
- b. The treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of such books of accounts and records as confirmed to the requirement of Article XII, Section 2 of these bylaws;
- c. The treasurer will make disbursements as authorized by the President, executive board, or this Local PTA in accordance with the budget adopted by this Local PTA. Checks and vouchers shall be signed by the president and treasurer. In an emergency, or the unavailability of the president or treasurer, the recording secretary may sign in place of one of the other signatories;
- d. The treasurer shall keep the record of the National and State portions of the membership dues separate from the record of the general funds of the local organization. The treasurer shall send the annual National and State dues of each individual member of this Local PTA to the State Branch on or before the dates listed in Article V, Section 9;
- e. The treasurer shall present a financial statement of accounts at every meeting of the organization and at other times when requested by the executive committee/board, and shall make a full report at the annual meeting;
- f. The treasurer's accounts shall be examined annually or upon change of officer, by an auditor (CPA) or an auditing committee of not less than 3 members, who satisfied that the treasurer's annual report is correct, shall sign a statement to the facts at the end of the report; and
- g. The auditor (CPA) or the auditing committee shall be appointed by the president with approval of the executive board and shall report at the annual meeting.

**Note:** For more information regarding the auditor's report please see Article XII Section 2c of these Bylaws. An audit of the treasurer's accounts is for the protection of the treasurer. It is the only means of assuring everyone that the accounts are accurate, and it relieves the treasurer of responsibility except in case of fraud. See Robert's Rules Of Order Newly Revised (pp. 467-470).

**Section 6.** All officers shall deliver to their successors all official material not later than ten days following the close of the meeting in May (month) or in case of resignation.

**Section 7. Executive Committee**

- a. The officers of the organization, and the procedure and bylaws chairman shall comprise the Executive Committee. A majority of those serving shall constitute a quorum.
- b. The Duties of the Executive Committee are:
  - To create standing committees.
  - To elect/appoint chairmen of the standing committees.
  - Meet in emergency situations to direct inter-organization difficulties and report to the Executive Board with conclusions.

## ARTICLE VIII: Executive Board

**Section 1.** The executive board shall consist of the officers of the *PTA*, the chairmen of standing committees, and the principal of the school or a representative appointed by him/her:

- \*\*a. Each board member shall be a member of this Local PTA;
- b. The members of the Executive Board shall serve until their successors are elected/appointed; and
- c. A majority of the executive board shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 2.** The duties of the Executive Board shall be:

- a. To transact necessary business in the intervals between organization meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by the organization;
- b. To approve the plans of work of the standing committees;
- c. To present a report at all regular meetings of this Local PTA;
- d. Approve the appointment of an auditor or an auditing committee at least two weeks before the annual meeting to audit the treasurer's accounts;
- e. To accept and submit to this Local PTA for adoption a budget for the fiscal year; and
- f. To approve routine bills within the limits of the budget.

**Section 3.** Regular meetings of the executive board shall be held monthly during the school year, the time to be fixed by the board at its first meeting of the year.

**Section 4.** Special meetings of the executive board may be called by the president or by a majority of the members of the board. 5 days notice having been given. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call.

## ARTICLE IX: Meetings

**Section 1.** General Membership Meetings:

- a. Only members who are in good standing as defined in Article V shall be eligible to participate in the business of this Local PTA;
- b. 7 (at least 3) general membership meetings of this Local PTA shall be held during the school year. Dates of meetings shall be determined by the executive board and announced at the first general membership meeting of the year;
- c. 5 (number) day's notice shall be given of a change of date of general membership meetings;
- d. Special general membership meetings may be called by the executive board 7 day's notice having been given. The purpose of the meetings will be stated in the call;

- \*\*e. The annual General Membership Meeting for the purpose of the budget presentation and audit approval shall be the first general meeting following the close of the fiscal year (See Article XV.); and

**Note: Annual meeting shall be in the Fall.**

- f. 13 (insert number) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any general membership meeting of this Local PTA.

**Note: Quorum for membership meetings should be a fair number above those listed as serving on the executive board.**

## **ARTICLE X: Standing Committees And Special Committees**

**Section 1.** Only members of this Local PTA shall be eligible to serve as chairmen or members of committees.

**Section 2.** Such standing committees shall be created by the executive committee as may be required to promote the Objects and interests of this Local PTA. The chairmen of the standing committees shall be elected/appointed by the executive committee and their term shall be for one (1) year.

**Note: If a longer term is desired, change the word "one" to the numbered desired.**

**Section 3.** The chairmen of all standing committees shall present plans of work to the executive board for approval, and no committee work shall be undertaken without the approval of the executive board.

**Section 4.** Special committees shall be appointed by the president, executive board or this Local PTA as deemed necessary to carry on the work of this Local PTA.

**Note: Since a special committee is created and appointed for a specific purpose, it automatically goes out of existence when its work is done and its final report is received.**

**Section 5.** The president shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating and auditing committees.

## **ARTICLE XI: County Council Membership**

**\*\*Section 1.** This Local PTA is eligible for membership in the Bergen County Council as outlined in Article V, Section 15 of these bylaws.

**Section 2.** The local PTA shall send representatives to all County Council meetings and trainings conducted for the benefit of the local PTA.

**Section 3.** This Local PTA shall be represented in meetings of the Bergen County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations by the President or his/her alternate and by

3 (number) delegates, or their alternates as provided in the Council's Bylaws.

**Section 4.** The privilege of holding office and voting shall be extended to local units who have paid dues to their County Council as outlined in the County Council Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE XII: State And Local Relationships**

**Section 1.** A Local PTA/PTSA is a branch of the National PTA and New Jersey PTA and exists for the purpose of accomplishing at the local level the purposes of the National PTA.

**\*\*Section 2.** A local in good standing with the New Jersey PTA is (in accordance with Article XIV of the New Jersey PTA Bylaws) is one that:

- a. Has paid per capita dues of its members to the National PTA and New Jersey PTA by January 15th;
- b. Operates under bylaws, which shall be approved at least once in every three years by the New Jersey PTA; and
- c. Submits to the New Jersey PTA by January 15th, a copy of the Annual Audit report to verify that the Local PTA treasurer's books have been audited.
- d. Submitted to the New Jersey PTA by June 30<sup>th</sup> their Annual Officers Report or within 30 days after a change has been made.
- e. Meets other criteria as may be prescribed by the New Jersey PTA.

**\*\*Section 3.** Each Local PTA shall adopt such bylaws for the governance of their organization as shall be approved by the New Jersey PTA. Such bylaws will not be in conflict with the bylaws of the National PTA.

**\*\*Section 4.** Each Local PTA shall include in its bylaws provisions corresponding to the provisions of the New Jersey PTA Bylaws as identified by double stars.

**\*\*Section 5.** The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the bylaws identified by double stars shall serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by this Local PTA to amend correspondingly their bylaws.

**\*\*Section 6.** Criticism of any person shall not be voiced in open meetings.

**\*\*Section 7.** The charter of a Local PTA may be subject to withdrawal if:

- a. The Local PTA is found to be in violation of the bylaws of this Local PTA;
- b. Bylaws of the National PTA;
- c. Bylaws of the New Jersey PTA; or
- d. Other practices or activities that may tend to defeat the Objects and Basic Policies of the National PTA.

**\*\*Section 8. Violations**

Charges of alleged violations for local or county PTAs should be sent in writing or email to the Committee on State and Local Relationships for review and then sent to the Board of Directors with a recommendation. After completion of its investigation the State and Local Relationship Committee shall report to the Board of Directors its findings.

**\*\*Section 9.** Upon finding the alleged violations to be verified, the Board of Directors shall:

- a. Offer the local PTA an opportunity to respond to the alleged violation.
- b. Upon responses and if required, by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, require the Local PTA, within a stipulated period of time to correct their violation.
- c. When such recommendations have been made and action has not been taken by this Local PTA within their stipulated time period, the Board of Directors may grant an extension of time not less than 6 weeks or more than eighteen months in which to achieve satisfactory compliance.
- d. Failing such compliance the board may subject to concurrence of such action by the next annual convention, withdraw the charter of the Local PTA in violation, and terminate its status as a Local PTA.
- e. Upon withdrawal of a charter this Local PTA shall follow the procedures for dissolution as outlined in Article XIII, of these bylaws.

**Section 10.** The New Jersey PTA shall provide leadership training under the supervision of the Vice President for Field Service to Local PTAs to assist in the management of that PTA. A Local PTA may make a request for leadership training by sending the request, in writing, to the State PTA office.

**Section 11.** The regional directors may assist a PTA with troubleshooting:

- a. If the Local PTA president calls; and
- b. If a card holding member calls, providing the PTA president of the Local PTA is notified.

## **Article XIII Disaffiliation**

### **Disaffiliation/Withdrawal of Charter**

**Section 1:** If a local PTA is considering disaffiliation the following procedures must be followed:

- A. A local PTA executive board considering recommending to its general association a resolution to disaffiliate must afford the County Council President and/or another New Jersey PTA representative an opportunity to speak to the executive board prior to its taking any action on such a proposal. If the Executive Committee then votes to present to its general membership a motion to disaffiliate, it must inform, in writing, the County Council President, the New Jersey PTA President and its general membership at least 30 days prior to the next general membership meeting that the motion to disaffiliate will be considered.
- B. The County Council President and/or New Jersey PTA President and/or another New Jersey PTA representative must be afforded the opportunity to speak at the local PTA meeting, to the

membership, prior to action being taken by the local PTA on the proposed resolution to disaffiliate.

- C. Approval to disaffiliate requires a two-thirds vote, by written ballot, a quorum being present. Only those members who are in good standing on the date the written notice of the proposal to disaffiliate is sent may vote.
- D. Disaffiliation and dissolution shall take effect within 60 days.

**Section 2:** Each local PTA is obligated upon disaffiliation/ withdrawal of its charter by the New Jersey PTA:

- A. To yield up and surrender all of its books and records and all of its assets and property to the New Jersey PTA or to such agency as may be designated by the New Jersey PTA or to another local PTA organized under the authority of the New Jersey PTA;
- B. To cease and desist from the further use of any name that implies or connotes association with the National PTA or the New Jersey PTA or any status as a constituent organization of the National PTA;
- C. To carry out promptly, under the supervision and direction of the New Jersey PTA, all proceedings necessary or desirable for the purpose of dissolving such local PTA.

**Section 3:** The New Jersey PTA is required by law to notify immediately, the Internal Revenue Service, the New Jersey Sales Tax Bureau, the Secretary of State, the Charities Registration and Gaming Commission, and the Postal Authorities that a local PTA which has disaffiliated or had its charter withdrawn and is no longer eligible for tax exemption under the New Jersey PTA Group Tax Exemption Number.

### **\*\*Article XIV State Convention**

This Local PTA shall be entitled to be represented at the New Jersey PTA Convention by its members as prescribed in Article XVI I of the state bylaws.

All members who are members in good standing are eligible to attend the state convention. Voting delegates are those who have been members in good standing for at least 15 days.

### **\*\*ARTICLE XV: Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of this Local PTA shall begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> and end June 30<sup>th</sup> (12 months). The fiscal year may differ from the membership year.

### **\*\*ARTICLE XVI: Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the **PTA** in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with these bylaws, the National PTA Bylaws, the New Jersey PTA bylaws, or the articles of incorporation.

**Note:** A copy of the bylaws of the Parent-Teacher Association should be available at every meeting.



## **\*\*ARTICLE XVII: Amendments**

### **Section 1.**

- a. These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the *PTA* by a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the members present and voting, providing a quorum being present and providing that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at least 25 days prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken, and provided that the amendment is not in conflict with the mandatory articles prescribed in the bylaws of the New Jersey PTA and the National PTA;
- b. A committee may be appointed to submit a revised set of bylaws as a substitute for these bylaws only by a majority vote at a meeting of this Local PTA, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the executive board, providing a quorum being present at both. The requirements for adoption of a revised set of bylaws shall be the same as in the case of an amendment;
- c. After approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a meeting of this Local PTA, providing a quorum being present four (4) copies of all amendments/revised bylaws shall be sent to the person or persons designated by the New Jersey PTA

**Section 2.** The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the New Jersey PTA bylaws identified by a double star (\*\*) shall serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by the *PTA* to amend their corresponding bylaws.

**As amended by National PTA Convention 6/2007**

**As amended by NJPTA Convention 11/2007**

**As amended by NJPTA Convention 11/2008**

**As amended by NJPTA Convention 12/3/2009**

**As amended by NJPTA Convention 11/20/2010**

**As amended by National PTA Convention 6/2011**

## ADDITIONS - AMENDMENTS

An addition or amendment to the local unit bylaws should be a general guide for governing the organization. Details should be listed in standing rules or position papers.

Once an amendment is approved, it shall be placed in the text (blanks), where applicable, and eliminated from this page.

Please designate ARTICLE and Section when listing an amendment.