

**Dear C-FB PTA Leaders,**

### **National PTA Dues Increase Takes Effect Immediately**

Effective July 1, 2011 National PTA approved a dues increase that local PTAs have to follow. The dues paid by each member to join your PTA as of July 1, 2011 are:

- National PTA dues - \$2.25 (up from \$1.75)
  - Texas PTA dues - \$2.25 (Life Members don't pay this)
  - Local Unit dues - +\$\_\_\_\_ (check your bylaws Article VII Section 5 for local dues)
- Dues to join your PTA \$\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_ (Life members pay \$2.25 less than this total)**

*Example: If you collected \$6.00 for dues previously, you now must collect \$6.50.*

This is the first time National PTA has raised the dues in a decade. These additional funds will go towards Reflections, training, a membership campaign and a data management system.

### **What does this mean to you?**

**The total membership dues amount you charge each PTA member increased by .50 effective July 1, 2011.**

All your membership forms and materials will need to be updated to reflect the new dues amount. National PTA changes must be followed by all local PTAs and are automatically incorporated in your bylaws.

For each member your PTA needs to remit \$4.50 to Texas PTA (or \$2.25 if they are Life Member) to cover the State and National portion of the dues. Life Members are exempt from paying Texas portion of dues, but only for a single PTA.

If members joined your PTA for 2011-12 prior to July 1, 2011, contact those member(s) to obtain the additional amount owed. If you have not remitted to Texas PTA, then send the complete new amount. If you had already submitted to Texas PTA, then remit the additional amount referencing the date of the original dues report submission.

Texas PTA will calculate the number of members in your local PTA using the new dues amounts, and if you send the previous dues, it will reflect a reduced number of members recruited until the amount is reconciled. This reduced number may impact your PTAs good standing status, Reflections participation, membership awards and the number of voting delegates for your PTA at the Annual Texas PTA Convention.

Please contact me with any questions:

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