LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello PTA & PTSA members,

I am writing to update you on recent events and changes that have occurred over the last two months as the SCPTA Board of Directors has worked hard to reorganized how we work with you to advocate for every child as one voice striving to make every child’s potential a reality. We would like to share the following changes that have occurred as we move to a better line of communication and transparency for all members!

- State PTA President, Pam Driggers, has resigned. Our bylaws state the State President-Elect will finish out her term. If you sent any emails you need to resend to the office to receive an answer to ensure alignment with our changes. All emails from SCPTA will end with @scpta.org and can be found on our webpage under About ~ SCPTA Board. Please make sure to email any questions or needs you may have.

- Vicki Patterson, SCPTA Office Secretary has left to care for her aging parents and we wish her the very best in the future. As a result, we recently installed a new phone system (VOIP) that will allow calls to be routed to certain emails to get back to you within 48 hours from receipt. We are currently exploring several options for replacement and we will keep you posted on those soon.

- MemberHub is up and running and while we have encountered bumps in the road, the long-term change for our state will be a positive one. This will become a nationwide implementation in the near future. It will allow units to have information in their hands and easily transfer from year to year to new leadership. Some concerns have been brought forth regarding providing your social security number. You are NOT providing it to the SCPTA or MemberHub, you are providing it to ChaseBank that operates WePay and you provided this information when opening your PTA bank account and the EIN Number for your PTA. These are requirements from the US Department of Justice and US Department of Treasury and the why is located at: WePay Security Requirements.

NOTE: Change is hard but every two years local units should be installing a new treasurer and you should be changing social security numbers with the bank signatures. This will be the
same for WePay and a process is already in place. Th Board of Directors and the Executive Board has decided to continue to support the children of South Carolina in a manner that will allow us to focus on needs of local units instead of being stewards of sorting, filing, and weekly deposits. We can use our volunteers in other ways that have greater impact. MemberHub is 256-bit encryption secure! Here is the link to find additional information: MemberHub Security

- SCPTA has made a decision to postpone the Convention in Myrtle Beach to 2020 as we roll-out getting Back-to-Basics and spending more time educating units on compliance issues and training. We realize the great job you do daily and we need to provide more options for individuals, boards, and schools to get the knowledge they need to do their volunteer jobs each day. The goal of boards should be to always be searching and coaching additional volunteers to take over their positions as they explore additional areas of leadership growth.

NOTE: When issues arise, many times it is due to people not knowing where to start tapping into their resources. The SCPTA can help with this and we have implemented the following training request for all. This document will allow you to get individual training on your position or your board as a whole: Training Document for SCPTA. We are currently offering webinars for you and your boards from the comfort of your home and you can all be at home and dialing into the same webinar. How great is it to sit at home in your lounge wear and still learn and ask questions!

- See below for important date of our combined Reflection & State Awards Celebration.

In closing, change means letting go with old ways and exploring reaching the younger generation that is coming behind the current leaders. If you were born before 1985 you are a digital immigrant but after you are a digital native. They have always used technology and see the benefits of using technology as a tool to help them move forward in the world we currently live. Change also means not knowing what is going to happen. The unfamiliar is out of our comfort zone and as we are creatures of comfort, we can feel nervous, anxious, or scared (feelings that belong to the family of fear) of what is outside this zone. This fear helps us to think everything through and plan things well so the change goes as smoothly as possible. Change also means unfairness, meaning we don't want things to change so we fight it. Change can also be exciting and this excitement gives us the openness to help us advance and connect with others. Sometimes we have all of these feelings at once and can seem like a nuisance. If that means giving yourself time to prepare for the new and to explore options how you can make this change less unfair for you then that's what you need to do. My father
always told me to focus on the positive things and this is important too, but we cannot ignore the uncomfortable feelings due to change that occur so we need to embrace them and also make sure we are seeing our new situation in it's full light - good and bad. So with that I ask you to stay positive and embrace the change and as always feel free to provide constructive feedback to us in a positive fashion.

Don't forget you can also follow us on our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest. We look forward to the opportunity to celebrate your successes, and provide you with ideas, motivation and encouragement. We all are in PTA/PTSA for the same reason: our children!

Thank you for serving the children of South Carolina!

Best wishes,
DeVane Trigiani
SCPTA President

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **November 15, 2018** - TAX Documents are due - Thank you to those that have already uploaded to MemberHub - YOU ARE LATE if this has not been completed!
- **Sunday May 5, 2019** - Reflections and Awards (Membership & Volunteer) Midlands Technical College, Airport Campus, 1260 Lexington Dr, West Columbia, SC - Time TBD

LAUGH SPOT:
GIVING TUESDAY - TAKE A STEP. BUY A BRICK.

This is a great way to honor a volunteer or family tribute! Make sure to save a spot for you unit!

The South Carolina PTA’s Historic House Committee continues to work on the preservation and restoration of the South Carolina PTA house. The PTA House is the official office of the South Carolina PTA. The House serves as a communication center for SCPTA leaders and staff to be connected with PTA districts, local units, and individual PTA members. It is:

- listed in the National Register of Historic Places,
- designated a Bicentennial House by the Richland County Bicentennial Committee,
- House #43 in the Landmark District of the City of Columbia, and
- on the walking tour for visitors in the City of Columbia.

Who Can Participate?
Anyone: local PTA/PTSA units, district PTAs, educators, vendors, business partners, individuals...

About Your Brick
Bricks can be engraved in memory of a loved one or in special recognition of an individual or group. A generous print area allows up to 4 lines of print with 21 characters per line.

Order Now!
Each brick, measuring 4" x 8", costs $50. Go to Buy A Brick and print and mail the order form along with your check to Historic House Fund at:

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Are YOU Interested in serving? Contact the District President below or email office@scpta.org
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Summerville: Ashley Wimberly term ends 6.30.20

NEW DAYS AND TIMES FOR SCPTA OFFICE
The SCPTA office is open three days a week. Times are different each week, while we focus on finding the right fit for our needs.

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