LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello PTA & PTSA members,

Your State Office has been working hard to implement changes geared toward you. We have held quite a few online trainings and still receiving requests. If you are one of them, we are going down the list and emailing times and availability for you and your board members!

IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- **Nominating Process**: The Nomination Process should be occurring in your local units and district. I have included some links to items you may need. Another resource are your district presidents and their information can be located below at the bottom of the newsletter. We are here to help but please make sure that your bylaws are up to date and that you are following the guidelines for the election process and it needs to occur at a general membership meeting.

- We are seeking leaders on the State Board and those positions are as follows:
  - President-Elect
  - VP of Programs
  - VP of Membership
  - Various committees: Helen-Stokes; Reflections, House Committee, etc.
    - These committees have a lot of roles and having a small part will make the work a little easier if we can get a few more hands to agree to help. Maybe you have a passion for something and I want to hear what that is because we can always use the help as we move forward!
    - Nomination Forms can be located on the front of our webpage and there are two parts - [PART 1 (Nomination Form)](https://example.com/part1) and [PART 2 (Application Form)](https://example.com/part2).

- **Federal Work Study** with the University of South Carolina has been approved so we will have two students working in the office soon. Interviews will begin next month and we will introduce our students to you soon!

- **National has proposed a dues increase.** The last dues increase was eight years ago; however, your feedback is needed. [Click here for flyer regarding how the dues will be used](https://example.com/dues)! It is important that your voice is heard regarding the dues increase and you will
need to scroll to the bottom of their page. [Click HERE for the feedback form to share your thoughts with National PTA!]

- Please make sure that your board members are PTA members. If you are not, you should not be voting in decisions for your board and I see that there are many board members that are not listed as members. If you need help, with an email issue please reach out to me personally as I have corrected a few already.

- **Advocacy:** A separate newsletter will be sent because we want to help you advocate for the children, parents, and teachers. [Here is a link to SCPTA Resolutions that we have been advocating for many years] (a few have been added over the last two years)! Your voice needs to be heard.

Don't forget you can also follow us on our Facebook and Twitter. 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:**

- **March 1, 2019** - Final Membership Dues Payments - Please make sure you have processed all payments.
- **March 1, 2019** - *Awards of Excellence & Outstanding Awards* are due *(online)*
- **March 3, 2019** - SCPTA Board Nominations are Due *(online)*
- **Sunday, May 5, 2019** - Reflections and Awards (*Excellence & Outstanding*) Midlands Technical College, Airport Campus, 1260 Lexington Drive, West Columbia, SC - Time TBD
Volunteer Inspiration:

Still time to take a step and buy a brick.

Thank you to those schools that have already purchased and marking their school in our history on our walk!

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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YOUR 2019 SCPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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DISTRICT PRESIDENTS -
Are YOU Interested in serving? Contact the District President below or email office@scpta.org

Simpsonville: Susan Key term ends 6.30.19
Fountain Inn: Ed Murray term ends 6.30.19
Lexington: Kitty Waikart term ends 6.30.19
Columbia: Pat Gates term ends 6.30.19
Rock Hill: Helena Miller term ends 6.30.19
Charleston: Willie Brooks term ends 6.30.19
Sumter: Branden Kennon term ends 6.30.19 (appointed position)
Myrtle Beach: VACANT
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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