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WHAT IS THE PTA?

PTA Mission:

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.
PTA CHAIN OF COMMAND

- National PTA
- Virginia PTA
- Hunt District PTA
- Local Unit PTA
ADVOCACY IN ACTION
IN YOUR PTA/PTO

An organization that recognizes diversity values differences and similarities among people through its actions and accountability. These characteristics include age, ethnicity, gender, language and culture, socioeconomic status, among many different things.

When PTAs respect differences yet acknowledge shared commonalities uniting their communities, and then develop meaningful priorities based upon their knowledge, they genuinely represent their communities. When PTAs represent their communities, they gain strength and effectiveness through increased volunteer and resource support.
IN YOUR
PTA/PTO

Initiatives:

• Bringing culturally diverse speakers and performers to school events and assemblies

• Creating a cross-cultural events calendar for the weekly school newsletter

• Translating school and PTA communications into multiple languages

• Encourage LGBTQIA+ students and families to self-identify.

• Advocate for LGBTQIA+ student safety and success.

• Educate parents and communities about LGBTQIA+ discrimination and bullying
IN YOUR PTA/PTO

Equity Initiatives:

• Modify events with early access or quiet spaces

• Build a Parent to Parent Support system for IEP/504 process

• Organizing workshops and trainings for staff, parents and student

• Encourage PTA leadership to speak and engage the families enrolled in PEP
THE BEST WAY TO ENSURE INCLUSIVE PRACTICES ARE OCCURRING:
BECOME A PTA/PTO LEADER
USEFUL RESOURCES

• Virginia PTA D.I.V.E. (Diversity and Inclusion Via Education) Webinar Series
  • March 22, 2021 – Courageous Leadership: 4-Point Diversity/Inclusion Plan
• Hunt District PTA Equity Committee
  • Local Unit Equity Plan Template
• National PTA/Virginia PTA Websites
  • https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/Diversity-Equity-Inclusion
  • https://www.vapta.org/diversity
THANK YOU!

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