Ohio PTA
2019-2021 Term Report
Celebrating Ohio PTA’s accomplishments
As the 2019-2021 term comes to a close, I would like to share some of the outstanding work done by Ohio PTA. Even though 15 of the 24 months of the term happened during the very uncertain times of the pandemic, we have a significant number of accomplishments that only happened because of the tremendous local, district and state teams we are all a part of.
16 SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following local units who have been designated as 2019-2021 National PTA Schools of Excellence:

Berea-Midpark High School PTSA (Berea)
Berea-Midpark Middle School PTA (Middleburg Heights)
Big Creek Elementary School PTA (Middleburg Heights)
Birch Elementary PTA (North Olmsted)
Brook Park Memorial PTA (Brook Park)
Brookview Elementary PTA (Brook Park)
Cheviot PTA (Cincinnati)
Forest PTA (North Olmsted)
Fort Island Primary PTA (Fairlawn)
Green Valley Elementary PTA (Parma)
Grindstone Elementary PTA (Berea)
Hillside Middle School PTA (Seven Hills)
Parma Senior High School PTSA (Parma)
Pleasant Valley Elementary PTA (Parma)
Roxboro Elementary PTA (Cleveland Heights)
Strongsville Early Learning PTA (Strongsville)
3 NEW UNITS

Welcome to our new units!

DHS Global PTSA - District 6
Perry Middle School PTA - District 10
Heights High School PTSA - District 11
16 units received national grants, with 4 units receiving more than one:

- Samuel Bissell Elementary PTA, Twinsburg D13
- Ridge Brook Elementary PTA Parma D12
- John Burroughs Elementary PTA Columbus D10
- Maple Intermediate PTA North Olmsted D12
Angela Revay
National PTA Lifetouch Mission Trip
to Dominican Republic
OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS

- Laptops
- Monitors
- Office Improvements
- Mailbox
- Toilet
- G-Suite
- QuickBooks
- Website
- VPN
INSPIRING NEW GROWTH, ROOTED IN TRADITION
LEADERSHIP, FAMILY ENGAGEMENT, EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION
1. LEADERSHIP

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2019 2021

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

You can attend any, even if it’s not your district.

More details soon!

8/29 - District 17 in Mentor
9/14 - District 11&12 in Berea
10/5 - District 13 in Akron

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
Please write suggestions for workshop topics in the comments section below.

Ohio PTA Fall Training for District 17
Saturday, August 24, 2019
Venue: Mentor Elementary School
640 Center Drive, Mentor, Ohio 44060
Cost: Free (open to all PTA members)

Topics:
- Effective Communication Strategies for Success with Students
- Parent Engagement Strategies: Building Relationships

Please RSVP to District 17 PTA President Eileen Shanks at 440-987-3037 to secure your spot.

Ohio PTA District 13 Fall Conference
Saturday, October 5, 2019

Conference Schedule:
- 8:00am: Welcome and Networking
- 9:00am: Workshop: Effective Communication Strategies for Success with Students
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- 5:00pm: Raffle Kettle Drawing

Please visit https://www.ohiopta.org/distri13_conference.html for more information and registration.

Ohio PTA District 11 & 12 Fall Conference
Saturday, November 9, 2019

Conference Schedule:
- 8:00am: Welcome and Networking
- 9:00am: Workshop: Effective Communication Strategies for Success with Students
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Please visit https://www.ohiopta.org/distri1112_conference.html for more information and registration.

Ohio PTA District 10 Fall Conference
Saturday, November 23, 2019

Conference Schedule:
- 8:00am: Welcome and Networking
- 9:00am: Workshop: Effective Communication Strategies for Success with Students
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Please visit https://www.ohiopta.org/distri10_conference.html for more information and registration.

Ohio PTA District 9 Fall Conference
Saturday, December 1, 2019

Conference Schedule:
- 8:00am: Welcome and Networking
- 9:00am: Workshop: Effective Communication Strategies for Success with Students
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Ohio PTA District 8 Fall Conference
Saturday, December 14, 2019

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Ohio PTA District 7 Fall Conference
Saturday, December 21, 2019

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Ohio PTA District 6 Fall Conference
Saturday, December 28, 2019

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Ohio PTA District 5 Fall Conference
Saturday, January 4, 2020

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Ohio PTA District 4 Fall Conference
Saturday, January 11, 2020

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Ohio PTA District 3 Fall Conference
Saturday, January 18, 2020

Conference Schedule:
- 8:00am: Welcome and Networking
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Ohio PTA District 2 Fall Conference
Saturday, January 25, 2020

Conference Schedule:
- 8:00am: Welcome and Networking
- 9:00am: Workshop: Effective Communication Strategies for Success with Students
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Ohio PTA District 1 Fall Conference
Saturday, January 31, 2020

Conference Schedule:
- 8:00am: Welcome and Networking
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Ohio PTA District 0 Fall Conference
Saturday, February 7, 2020

Conference Schedule:
- 8:00am: Welcome and Networking
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DISTRICT CONFERENCES

The PTA Mission

- To Make Every Child’s Potential a Reality by Engaging and Empowering Families and Communities to Advocate for All Children
- The Core Values of PTA are Collaboration, Commitment, Diversity, Respect and Accountability

The Nominating Committee

The Most Important Committee in PTA
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<td>Open Forum: You Ask, We’ll Answer</td>
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NATIONAL PTA
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE 2020
ADVOCACY IN ACTION!

LegCon went virtual, allowing many more people to participate. We had 21 members representing Ohio, and we were able to meet with several of our U.S. representatives and senators.
Ohio PTA reviewed several of its state awards and made some changes to our helping hands, outstanding educator and school nurse award. We felt there needed to be more clarification in the criteria to be nominated and who the award is actually intended to honor. The family-school partnership individual award was also updated.
Congratulations!

T in PTA Award Recipients
2020-2021

• D11 - Alex Schulze - Garfield Middle
• D12 - Tom Deluca - Olmsted Falls PTA Council
• D13 - Emily Rion - Revere HS
• D17 - Jennifer Harris - Orchard Hollow
Congratulations!

*Helping Hands Award Recipients*

2020-2021

D11 - Kelly Alstandt - Harding Middle
D12 - Megan Jenkins - Bay Village PTA Council
D13 - Cindy Schanz - Barberton HS
D17 - Nicole Pankuch - Bellflower Elementary
CONGRATULATIONS

HEALTH SERVICE STAFF AWARD

DR. MICHELE MOORE

DISTRICT 12

BAY VILLAGE

COUNCIL
CONGRATULATIONS
FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

FIRST YEAR
KELLY BRUBAKER
CHRISY FERRONE-PETIT
TRICIA FRATINI
STEPHANIE HALLOCK
SHEILA KINLEY
HEATHER LOSNECK
RACHEL MCDONNELL
AARON NEWMANN
MARIA RUFENER
GEORGETTE WEATHERSPOON
PARHAM WEAVER
TORINA WHITE
ALICE WOODRUFF
MICHELLE YOUNG

SECOND YEAR
ASHLEY OEKEN
CASIE SHIPKOSKY

THIRD YEAR
BECKY CONROY
AMY FLANNERY
JENNIFER WRENN

FOURTH YEAR
MOLLY COTOPAN
JOY IANNICCA
OKSANA LUTYJ
CHRISTINE MCELWEE
NICOLE LESNICK
LINDA PARKOWSKI

FIFTH YEAR
JULIANNE ALLEN
GERRI BERES

SIXTH YEAR
SHARON BOMBA
MEG DIFILLIPPO
ALICIA FARKAS
DANA PAUL

SEVENTH YEAR
LISA CATALANO
HEATHER EKECHI
LAUREN SUTER

EIGHTH YEAR
SANDRA GRAHAM
Congratulations
Achievement Award Recipients

Robin Parsons
Becky Conroy
Dalena Zingales
Ginny Krouse
Dave and Christy George
Melissa Hile
Vanessa Smith Whitford
Cindy Young
Mary Marconi
Rachel Cain Jewell
Sharon Bohland
Esther Kendren
Dan Rajkovich

Daniel Salloum
Amanda Perry Miller
Robert Gorman
Joan Shirak
Officer Joann Felton
Michele Shene
Lori Abraham
Jennifer Drasner
Lainie Cohen
Carol Eisenberg
Scott Hatteberg
Katie Hullibarger
Becky Jones

Laurie Majka
Haley Labahn
Kelly Jungenberg
Jeff Hill
Dana Kessem
Dr. Scott Goggin
Elizabeth Conway
Kathy D’Ettorre
Vikki Meldrum
Sherry Sanfilippo
Sarah Tabeling
Jackie Wohleber
Bethany Wolters
CONGRATULATIONS
ADVOCACY AWARD RECIPIENTS

JACKIE ARENDT, 10 YEARS
MARY COTOFAN, FIRST YEAR
HEATHER EKECHI, 6 YEARS
NICOLE LESNICK, 4 YEARS
LISA MACK, 13 YEARS
VENEZUELA ROBINSON, 18 YEARS
LAUREN SUTER, 7 YEARS
DEBBIE TIDWELL, 11 YEARS
CONGRATULATIONS
GOLD KEY LEADERSHIP
AWARD RECIPIENTS

1st step - Melissa Wolfe, Miranda Smith

2nd step - Julianne Allen, Taryn Winney, Mickey Pugh, Nicole Lesnick, Oksana Lutyj, Debi Cole

3rd step - Nicole Lesnick, Candice Utterback, Lisa Catalano
Monthly Membership Incentives

Click here to view winners:
In the fall of 2020, after a review of the scholarship process and discussion with office staff, the scholarship committee made the decision to utilize a digital platform for the 2021 scholarship application process. This new process provided applicants with a google link to complete an academic, post-secondary and special education applications. Students could also upload their transcript and a letter of recommendation. This new digital platform made the selection process much more efficient and straightforward.
### 2020-2021 Scholarship Awardees

#### Ohio PTA Awardees

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**Scholarship Sponsor**

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2. FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
2020 NATIONAL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE
The closing of schools due to Covid thrust Ohio PTA into the limelight. We worked on a survey with the Ohio Department of Education on their school reopening guidelines. We had over 14,000 responses, which was huge for us. Once that hit social media, we were contacted by many different media outlets and organizations, including the Ohio School Boards Association, for interviews.

Advocacy in action once again. We had a seat at the table and shared parent concerns and fears about sending their kids back to school in person.
Ohio School Boards Association

More than 10,000 parents participated in an Ohio PTA survey seeking feedback on the state's ongoing planning to potentially re-open schools this fall [https://bit.ly/...](https://bit.ly/...). See More

Cleveland Transformation Alliance

Follow [Ohio PTA](http://ow.ly/EKYF50zKjPH) for updates on the survey results.
The Ohio Department of Education has asked the Ohio PTA for feedback on how people feel about school reopening in the fall, what concerns exist, and th... See More

Ohio School Boards @OHs... · 7/25/20 ... OSBA's podcast, Leading the Way, returns for a second season with guests from @SWCSD and @OhioPTA who discuss a return to school during a pandemic. Listen on @ApplePodcasts and @Spotify apple.co/2CKPABG #OhioEd #K12 #backtoschool
STATE REPRESENTATIVE PHIL ROBINSON

Ohio Promise Virtual Town Hall Tour with State Representative Phil Robinson
Reopening Schools & Education During COVID-19

Special Guest Panelist:
Ohio PTA Pres.-Elect Jackie Arendt

Other Special Guest Panelists:
- OFT Pres. Melissa Cropper
- OEA Pres. Scott DiMauro
- Cuyahoga County Board of Health
- BBRCSF Superintendent Joelie Magyar

Monday, July 20, 2020 | 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Facebook Live: Facebook.com/RepPhilRobinson/live
3. EDUCATION

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2019 2021
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEES

Ohio PTA has a seat at the table with the following organizations:

- Educator Standards Board
- Teacher of the Year
- Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Advisory Council
- Whole Child Advisory Group
- Cupp/Patterson Working Group
- Perkins V Stakeholder Engagement
- Math Pathways Advisory Group
- Child Injury Action Group: Suicide Prevention
- State BOE Graduation Requirements
- ODE Stakeholders with State Superintendent
- High School Fairness & Sensitivity Committee
- Ohio's Commitment to Family Engagement Agency Stakeholder
- College Credit Plus
- Health and Safety Champions
Ohio PTA was awarded a two-year grant from National PTA and formed the “From Report to Results Committee.” The goals of the grant included educating parents and community members about the state report card, helping them understand education data shared and how it is used by the state and their local school district to make change in instruction. The final goal was to advocate for changes to the report card and empower parents to be included in the discussion as a valued partner in their child’s education.
The committee hosted a 3-part webinar series, which featured among others, Ohio’s state superintendent, Paolo DeMaria, the CEO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and superintendents from Parma and Youngstown.
A Parent Academy was created with ODE, because it was felt that parents who understood Ohio’s education system and ODE’s role, could help parents make connections back to educational decisions being made in their local districts. This began a series of Parent Academy webinars that have included topics about the behind the scenes work at ODE, Ohio’s Whole Child Framework and another conversation with our state superintendent.
The Children’s Defense Fund of Ohio reached out to us to partner in finding out what parents felt their children needed most after the pandemic. We put out a survey with them and then followed up with a virtual town hall to share the findings.
The Ohio PTA Board of Directors approved the following position statements:

- **HB 305 (Fair School Funding Plan)** on September 7, 2019
- **Position Statement to Advance Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Ohio Schools** on June 19, 2021
4. COMMUNICATION

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2019
2021

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ZOOMING INTO MEMBERSHIP

We hosted 3 “Zoom into Membership” workshops with National PTA in January and February of 2020. We were able to highlight some of the great membership practices of local units Avon Lake Early Childhood PTA, Westlake Elementary PTA and Garfield Middle School PTSA.
Ohio PTA’s communication efforts grew and we saw a 20% increase in viewership and participation across all of our social media outlets. The VoterVoice platform was also utilized as warranted to push out legislative action alerts to membership.
Reflections

Reflections literature and documents were converted from paper packets to digital in the summer of 2019, including a welcome letter, student packet, official rules, local leaders guide, theme search, entry form and submission form. We came up with a process to accommodate virtual and hybrid schools where reflections chairs were not allowed to enter schools and developed a plan and guidelines to submit reflections entries digitally to Ohio PTA. New this year was reflections winners receiving yard signs.
Congratulations!
Ohio PTA 2020-2021
National REFLECTIONS Winners

Melina Lee
Riley Zahorchak
Kendall Milliron
August Malemud
Neha Kulkarni
Kaya Dove
Anthony Cinotti
Grace Rodstrom
Noah Combs
Lillian Johnson
Elijah Thacker
Samantha Stapleton
Halle Lamb
Kylie Sheehan

Award of Merit
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Dance Choreography
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Film Production
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Literature
Literature
Music Composition
Music Composition
Music Composition
Photography
Photography

Troy Intermediate
Olmsted Falls Middle School
Riverview Elementary
Orchard Middle
FL/ECC PTA
Berea-Midpark High School
Fishcreek
Heritage Middle School
McVay elementary
Herberich Elementary
Colerain Sr HS
Mark Twain Elementary
Grindstone Elementary
Shore Middle School
Click here to view OHIO’s winners:
In May 2020, we took the leap and partnered with MemberHub. This has enabled us to have forms that we used to have submitted on paper, now be submitted electronically. MemberHub also connects with National PTA, which makes for a more accurate reporting system all around. Local units and councils are able to use MemberHub to create a website, send out emails and newsletters, set up a store to sell memberships, spirit wear and fundraising and electronically general membership cards.
The strategic planning committee took on the task of redistricting, something that has been on the horizon for a long time. We felt we needed to do a better job reaching all corners of the state and redistricting will allow for that. This is something the board took its time with, having discussion on it all the way back to September and reaching a final decision in May after having notified all units of the possible change.
The strategic planning committee also studied the structure of the board of directors.

**The new structure of 9 members of the board of directors,** replaces the previous structure of 9 named positions (Directors of Advocacy, Bylaws, Communications, Diversity & Inclusion, Education, Events, Family-School Partnership, Health Welfare & Safety, Membership.)

The committee felt that Ohio PTA needed less titled roles and that the business of the organization should be spread throughout the many and not land on the few.

This new structure will allow for the increased use of committees, headed by the 9 members of the board of directors.
Overall, there were collectively thousands of emails, texts, phone calls, workshops and zoom meetings. I wish we would have been able to make more in person visits to all of you, but we made lemonade with the lemons we were given. I hope we have met your needs and answered your questions when asked. I know that we strived to serve with integrity and grace.
I am grateful to every member of the board of directors, our office staff and every local unit and council officer and committee chair, for serving with love and making the most of a once in a lifetime crisis.
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