

Welcome fellow PTA Members,

I want to say thank you for participating in your state convention. A special welcome to all first timers.

This gathering is an opportunity to share and celebrate our PTA Mission. Whether you're here to conduct the business of your PTA, take home a well-deserved award or celebrate with the families of our renowned Reflections Program, this is your time to gather and reflect upon your success and prepare for the challenges that you may face ahead.



The world of PTA is dynamic. We must continue to adapt to the ever-changing environment while meeting the challenges and needs of our current and prospective membership. While our Mission has been time-tested and continues to be relevant to today's parents, teachers and students, we must be mindful of how we communicate and instill these landmark values into the membership base of tomorrow in order to be successful.

PTA has been enhancing the lives our nation's children for more than 120 years. We've kept America's children safe with the enactment of child labor laws, gave them a head start with universal kindergarten, made sure they were fed through the National School Lunch Program and right now, we're making sure families are involved in improving K-12 education with the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Advocacy is how we have been and continue to be the voice for all children. Your attendance at this convention is a testament to your dedication and passion as you advocate as leaders and shape our children's lives today and into the future.

State conventions are a great opportunity to network, collaborate and learn. Everyone here shares your passion and drive to support all children. This is your opportunity to make long-lasting relationships and strengthen the network of voices that creates the One PTA voice.

It's an important time to be a PTA member. I implore you to embrace everything your state convention has to offer and to share everything you learn here with your community when you get home. Thank you for your continued support as we help build the path to equitable education. I appreciate all you do for PTA and for our nation's children. Together, let's make this a great convention!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James L. Accomando". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

James L. Accomando
National PTA President