

# Massachusetts PTA 110th "Virtual" Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration

Thursday, May 14th, 2020

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## ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

**Thursday, May 14th, 2020**

6:30 p.m. **Online Registration Opens– Identity Verification Available**

7:00p.m. – 7:40p.m. **General Session**  
Opening Remarks: Maryalice Foisy, President  
Convention Standing Rules  
Appointments: Maryalice Foisy, President  
Local Unit Awards Part 1: Erik Champy and Susan Bogosian  
Credentials Report: Kathresha Cureton, Secretary  
Auditor's Report: Jennifer Francioso, Treasurer  
Election of New Officers: Maryalice Foisy  
Resolution: Susan Bogosian, Legislative Chair

7:40p.m. – 8:00p.m. **Local Unit Awards Recognition**  
State Awards Presentations Part 2: Erik Champy, Diversity and Inclusion Chair  
Reflections Awards Announcement: Maryalice Foisy, Acting Reflections Chair  
Installation of New Officers: Erik Champy  
Future Inspiration: Newly Installed President, Madison Estes  
Closing Remarks: Maryalice Foisy, President

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## 2018-2020 Board of Directors

**Marylalice Foisy:** President  
**Madison Estes** President-Elect  
**Kathresha Cureton:** Secretary  
**Jennifer Franciosso** Treasurer; Immediate Past President, Cranberry Unit President  
**Barbara Bailey:** VP, Leadership  
**Stephanie Gray:** Communications Chair  
**Jacqueline M. Coogan:** Health, Safety and Wellness Chair  
**Susan Bogosian:** Advocacy Chair  
**Patricia DiPasquale:** Special Education Chair  
**Karen DeRoche:** Membership Chair  
**Erik Champy:** Diversity and Inclusion Chair  
**Michael Henry:** Corporate Sponsorship Chair  
**MaryAnn Stewart:** Massachusetts Board of Education Liaison

## Letter from the President

During these difficult times, I hope that you and your families are safe and healthy. This is uncharted territory for all of us and we thank you for taking your time tonight to join us and to participate in the business of our organization. While we all wish we could meet in person to network and celebrate, our only real concern is for the health and well-being of our families and communities. We are fortunate to live in a time where we have the tools to meet virtually, giving us the opportunity to stay physically distanced but still connected.

As our new officers are installed, I trust you will support them as they will support you. The board of directors are all volunteers just like you, and most work full time while raising their families. Our membership is diverse and while our families and situations may be different, our mission - to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children - is something we all have in common. You are not alone. We are all in this together.

We will continue to stay in touch with everyone and hope that you will all stay connected to your friends and families as well as your PTA family. Use what you can... telephone, social media, Zoom, Google, Facetime or Skype. Anything to stay in touch.

Stay connected and stay well!

Marylalice Foisy  
President  
Massachusetts PTA

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## 2018-2020 MASSACHUSETTS PTA OFFICERS



### **Maryalice Foisy, President**

Maryalice Foisy, the mother of two grown boys and grandmother of three, has been active in her local unit, Monson PTSA, and Massachusetts PTA for over 20 years. She is currently employed by Southbridge Public Schools in the technology department.

She served in many roles in Monson PTSA, including Reflections Chair and president, came onto the state board in 1998 as Reflections chair, and served as secretary and Vice President of Programs before leaving the board in 2006. She returned to the Massachusetts PTA board 7 years ago and has been active in Communications, Reflections, and the Health and Safety committees.



### **Barbara Bailey, VP, Leadership**

Barbara Bailey, Massachusetts PTA's Vice-president for Leadership, has been involved in PTA for over 30 years. Why? "I would like for all schools in Massachusetts to be able to experience the benefits of PTA. I also have made some wonderful friendships through PTA which I will always cherish. I also have five grandchildren – four boys and a girl. The future of their education as well as the education of all children is important to me."

Barbara and her husband Don live in Lexington where they raised their three boys. When the boys began school over 30 years ago, Barbara became involved with PTA on the local level. Starting out doing many different volunteer jobs in PTA, she eventually became PTA president at all three schools attended by her children. PTA Council President and involved on the state PTA level in the late 1980's led to her election as Massachusetts PTA president from 1993-95. Barbara also serves as Massachusetts PTA's Bylaws Chair. In 2018 Barb retired as a Medical Technologist from Newton Wellesley Hospital where she worked for over 40 years, 30 of those years were on nights 11:00 pm - 7:00 am.

### **Jennifer Francioso, Treasurer; Immediate Past-President; Cranberry PTA President**



Jennifer Francioso grew up in Somerville, Massachusetts and has lived in Methuen with her husband, Joseph, for the past 15 years. They are the proud parents of a daughter who is a (soon to be graduating) senior member of the Class of 2020 at Methuen High School. Jennifer has served on the State Board in various roles since 1991 with a brief break throughout the years. Jennifer represented the Massachusetts PTA as a (non-voting) member of the Budget Foundation Commission during her term as President Elect and has served on a variety of committees of the Massachusetts PTA throughout the years, currently; she is a member of the Health, Safety, and Wellness Committee. Jennifer has been actively introducing the value of PTA advocacy to other communities.



### **Madison Estes, President-Elect**

Madison Estes is currently a Paraprofessional at Pentucket Regional Middle School. She recently received her MA Teaching Certification for Business Education and is currently completing her Masters of Education for Moderate Disabilities K-8 at Merrimack College. She graduated from Salem State University with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Educational Studies. Madison is the daughter of a single parent, who lost her husband when Madison was in elementary school. Experiencing this loss has motivated Madison to champion the issues of single parent families and the costs of higher education on a family.

Over the past several years she has served as different roles on the State and National levels for PTA. She began her journey as the Higher Education Student Liaison on the MA PTA Board of Directors in 2012. She worked as co-chair to form a youth leadership committee for Massachusetts PTA. She has also served as the vice-chairwoman of the National PTA Youth Involvement Committee from July 2014 to June 2016 and served two terms as a member of the National PTA Youth Involvement Committee. Madison was the Treasurer of the Massachusetts PTA for 2 years. Madison was installed as the President-Elect for MA PTA in April, 2018 and she will take office as President on July 1, 2020.



### **Kathresha Cureton, Secretary**

Kathresha Cureton currently serves on the Massachusetts PTA Board of Directors, and a member of the Health, Safety and Wellness Committee. Kathresha draws from experience with more than 15 years in Health and Human Services, and earlier in her career, management, public affairs and outreach. She studied Psychology from the School of Social Behavioral Sciences at Mercy College and Art and Design from the School of Design at Pratt Institute.

Active in the community, she served at the local level as a member on both Elementary and Middle School Councils; as the Middle/High School Vice President, PTA and Reflections Chair. She is a PTA Art Coordinator for the Hopkinton Elementary Schools, has volunteered in several other committees and civic leadership positions at every level. With over 8 years of leadership experience she has also been involved in working as a liaison with support for parents and students including school programs, education and advocating for children. She continues to advance her training by attending conferences, seminars and workshops on both health and educational topics; including her passion for the arts. Her children attend Hopkinton School District. We are very pleased to have her join our Leadership Team at Massachusetts PTA. "Life is never so busy that there is no time to help others."

## 2018-2020 MASSACHUSETTS PTA BOAD MEMBERS



### Susan Bogogian, Advocacy Chair

Susan has been an active volunteer in the Rehoboth PTSA for the past six years serving on many committees, co-chairing and chairing committees, and serving as the Vice President of Palmer River and the President. She has extensive experience in the education, public service, Judiciary, human services and the legal field. She holds a Bachelor of Arts and Science, a Master of Science and a Juris Doctorate degree. Further, she has a background in legislative affairs having worked in Washington, DC as an intern in the United States Senate. She is active in the political arena through her lobbying efforts. Her belief in our mission "to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children" is demonstrated in her actions. Susan is also a member of the MA PTA Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee and has been the Advocacy Chair for the past three years. She represents MA PTA as a Federal Legislative Chair (FLC) on the National PTA FLC committee. "Advocacy is the core of PTA and advocacy sets us apart from other organizations."



### Erik Champy, Diversity and Inclusion Chair

Dr. Erik Champy has supported children, adults and the community for over 30 years. As an elementary teacher, he equipped students with the knowledge and skills to be successful with academics while creating a safe environment to learn. As an adjunct professor for nearly two decades, Dr. Champy has prepared educators to work with students and families to achieve greater outcomes for all.

As a union leader at the local, state and national levels, Dr. Champy has been a strong voice in public education. He has applied his knowledge and experience, worked with community members and advocated for students from Beacon Hill to Capitol Hill. Along with colleagues and fellow advocates, he has lobbied lawmakers for a reduction in student debt, increases in education funding, child nutrition, reform of the No Child Left Behind Act, lowering the achievement gap and many other issues important to American families. Today, as a guidance counselor, Dr. Champy continues to work with diverse students, challenges their strengths, addresses their social emotional needs and assists with identifying career and college opportunities.



### Jackie Coogan, Health, Safety and Wellness Chair

Jackie Coogan is the founder, Board Treasurer and past Executive Director (19 yrs) of The Joint Committee for Children's Health Care in Everett (1994 to present). She brings 37 years of experience in the Everett Public Schools, as a classroom teacher and elementary School Counselor. Currently, an Adjunct Professor of Psychology at Bunker Hill Community College, Jackie holds a bachelor degree from Salem State University '70 and a Masters in Education from Suffolk University '77.

Ms. Coogan also served for 20 years on the Board of Directors of Health Care for All (2000 to present), the leading consumer health advocacy organization in Massachusetts, which played a key role in developing the policy initiatives that led to passage and implementation of the Chapter 58 health reform law in April of 2006. In 2012, she joined the Massachusetts PTA as their Health and Safety Chair. Jacqueline Coogan has been honored for her work in health care, children and families many times and most notable by:

- Health Care For All, Boston, MA. June 19, 1998 For The People, Against the Tide, "For her leadership and commitment to securing health care access for the children of Everett and surrounding communities in Massachusetts"
- Salem State College, 2002 – Outstanding Educator of the Year
- Massachusetts Teachers Association Human and Civil Rights Award for Creative Leadership, May 2009
- Massachusetts PTA Commitment to Children Award, 2012



### Karen DeRoche, Membership Chair

Karen is the proud adoptive mother of 2 boys and started her work in her local unit, Rehoboth PTSA, 12 years ago. She has proudly served as Rehoboth PTSA's President, as well as holding the offices of Secretary, Vice President (Palmer River and Beckwith) and Membership Chair. Her passion is advocating for all children and her focus in recent years has been and will continue to be highlighting advocacy for children with disabilities, foster and

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## Tricia DiPasquale, Special Education Chair

Tricia DiPasquale is no stranger to education; having spent over 20 years as a paraprofessional: assisting special needs students from ages 4-14. Tricia is also a member of the STA Board of Directors, part of the

paraprofessional bargaining team, and a union rep assisting STA's paraprofessional members. Tricia has close to 30 years' experience as an educator, and has enjoyed every minute of it. Tricia was born, raised, and still lives in Somerville Massachusetts. She is a proud product of the Somerville Public Schools. It was her teachers and her parents who inspired her to go into the field of education and give back to her city by helping other Somerville students experience the joy of learning, and hopefully inspiring them to reach their dreams.



## Michael Henry, Corporate Sponsorships Chair

Michael Henry is an active member of the Manthala George Jr. Elementary School PTA a K-5 in Brockton, Massachusetts with 900+ students. In 2016, Michael became President of the George School PTA while continuing to

chair the Sponsorship/Partnership Committee. Michael is a proud husband and father of two children, son Tyler age 21 and daughter Dominique age 9, who are the reasons why he became more engaged in education. Michael believes that our children's "future is our business," in which he tries to instill with the parents. In addition, Michael currently volunteers on the Massachusetts PTA Health & Wellness Committee, President of the Bridgewater State University Afro-American Alumni Association, and Board Member of the Bridgewater State University Alumni Board while working as a Project Manager Consultant. Michael has also served on the boards of Young Professionals Network of the Urban League of Eastern MA, Massachusetts Hall of Black Achievement (HOBA) and Boys & Girls Clubs Medford & Somerville (formerly Boys & Girls Clubs of Middlesex County).



## Stephanie Gray, Communications Chair

Stephanie Gray has served on the MA Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Board of Directors since 2010 beginning her time as the MA PTA Communications Chairman and

moving into the role of President Elect, President, Immediate Past President and Cranberry Unit President, currently serving as MA PTA Communications Chair. She has also served on the National PTA Bylaws Committee. She assumed the role of President in July of 2014. As part of her role with MA PTA she serves as the Liaison to MassPartners for Public Schools, the 2018-2019 Chair, a coalition of the statewide teacher, parent, school committee, principal, and superintendent organizations in Massachusetts. Stephanie is a mother of 2 who began her PTA experience developing the Drama Club at her children's elementary school where for 5 years she worked to ensure 120 children each year had the opportunity to participate and learn about the theater. After her mother-in-law passed in May of 2016 she realized that most families have no idea how to prepare for and handle loss, Stephanie put together her passion for helping people with her background in sales and marketing to become an agent through New York Life Insurance Company and may be licensed with various other independent unaffiliated insurance companies in the state of Massachusetts. Previously she worked for SMH Electronics as the Business Development Manager in West Wareham, MA. Before that she owned her own company working with small businesses to develop their online presence. Throughout her career in Marketing and as a Parent Advocate, Stephanie has done workshops and presentations on subjects ranging from Designing Routines for new parents to "Transitioning to EMR for the AHCA" for medical practices. She has also been part of a number of task-forces and panels with other educational organizations including the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Stephanie is passionate about the mission and goals of PTA and believes that it is our role as PTA leaders to not only ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their potential but to work with the whole family to educate and empower parents/guardians/care givers so they can be the best advocate for their child.



## Mary Ann Stewart, Liaison to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Mary Ann Stewart was appointed Parent Representative to the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education by (then) Governor Patrick in August 2014 and has been reappointed in 2019. From 2010-2012, she served as President of the Massachusetts PTA and continues to serve on the state PTA

Board as a Member-at-Large. She also serves as a member of the National Advisory Council for Media Literacy Now. Mary Ann is a parent of three and resides in Lexington. She has been active in the schools and in town government, serving as an elected representative to Town Meeting since 2006 and on the School Committee from 2009-2014 where she lead as Chair from 2011-2012.

Mary Ann has served in numerous leadership roles at the local, state, and national levels. She is a champion of children, youth, and families, and her experience in organizational development and passion for advocacy and creativity has leveraged engagement in professional and volunteer settings alike. Mary Ann received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Massachusetts for Music Education.



## 2020-2022 MASSACHUSETTS PTA SLATED NOMINEES

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### **Fran Guardabascio, Treasurer**

Fran has served as a Board Member and Treasurer for two years in the Patrick Lyndon PTA in West Roxbury. While Treasurer, Fran implemented a number of efficiency and cost-saving measures, as well as a long term planning process which gave the PTA sustainability and flexibility.

Fran joined the PTA because his local unit's urgent need for a Treasurer dovetailed with his desire to put his professional skills as an Accountant and Financial Analyst to use in the community. The icing on the cake was the level to which he got to know the administration, staff, and community. These new friends and knowledge of the school system were tremendously valuable with his first children entering the school system.

Now at the end of his tenure at the local level, Fran is excited to be part of the team at the State level. He is looking forward to the challenges ahead, and is excited



### **Cate DeCosta, Secretary**

Cate DeCosta has 3 grown children with children of their own and over the course of 30 years has worked full time as a family child care provider, realtor, restaurant manager, tax preparer, and in the accounting field. She has remarried and now enjoys being a stay at home mom and homeschooling their 5 year old daughter. She first became involved with the PTA by volunteering with a wonderful community resource, Plymouth Family Network. The volunteering quickly turned into serving on the PTA board as Vice President and treasurer.

# 2019 MASSACHUSETTS PTA HEALTH SUMMIT RECAP

Provided by Jackie Coogan, Massachusetts PTA Health, Safety and Wellness Chair

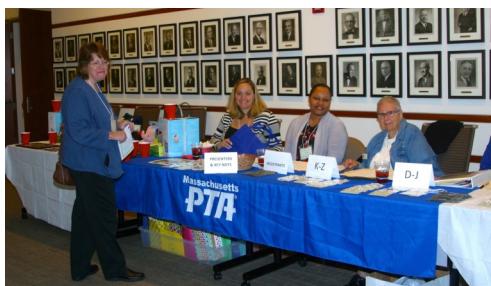
## 2019 Health Summit a Success

We would like to thank all those who made this years event such a success. Our 3rd Health Summit focused on Mental Health in our Children, Schools, and Communities and was not only timely but very well received.

Keynote speaker Jordan Burnham opened the summit with his own personal experience with depression and attempted suicide. His story was moving and eye-opening. Dr. Margaret Lanca wrapped up the summit tying together what was discussed in the sessions with her experiences in mental health and specialties in cross-cultural neuropsychology and serious mental illness across the lifespan. If you were unable to attend the summit and would like more information on the program or connect on how to bring information to your school please contact [health@masspta.org](mailto:health@masspta.org).



Please reach out if you would like to join the MA PTA Health Committee TEAM!!! I am sure you have much experience and expertise that would help us plan future events, activities and conferences. We welcome everybody. Please also check out our [Massachusetts PTA Website for Health Committee Updates](#). Please feel free to get in touch with me, your MA PTA Chairperson of Health, Safety and Wellness. Stay well and Thank You! Jackie Coogan, [health@masspta.org](mailto:health@masspta.org)



*Thank you, Jennifer Francioso, for your generous donations for the 2019 Massachusetts PTA Health Summit raffle!*

*In addition, a special thanks to our Major Sponsors and Exhibitors and the Whole Health Committee Volunteers Our Volunteers, Sponsors and Donors are much appreciated!*

# NATIONAL PTA LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE RECAP

Provided by Susan Bogosian, Massachusetts PTA Legislative Chair



From left to right: Kathresha Cureton, Maryalice Foisy, Brady DeRoche, Karen DeRoche, **Representative Keating**, Susan Bogosian, Elizabeth Francisoso, Stephanie Gray, Erik Champy, and Jennifer Francisoso

Several advocates from MA PTA attended the National PTA Legislative Conference in Washington, DC in March. They met with our Senators, Representatives and their staff members and discussed issues that impact parents, children and families in Massachusetts and nationally. Specifically, we asked for support of increased funding of Statewide Family Engagement centers; for schools to be included in any comprehensive infrastructure package; and for the improvement of the federal school meal program through the re-authorization of the Child Nutrition Act. We are grateful for this opportunity and will continue to advocate for Federal, State and Local legislative initiatives that will support every child in reaching their potential. If you are interested in joining our advocacy efforts, please let us know: [advocacy@masspta.org](mailto:advocacy@masspta.org).

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## MASSACHUSETTS PTA AWARDS 2020

### **The Barbara Bailey Membership Award - awarded to: Angela Belanger; Pine Grove PTA, Rowley, MA**

The Barbara Bailey Membership Award is presented to a local PTA Unit or member who has run a successful membership drive during the past year. Barbara Bailey was the president of the Massachusetts PTA in the early 1990's. During her term (and beyond!), she was able to help units manage memberships, bylaws, and conflicts. To commemorate her continued dedication to units across the state, we are honored to name this award after her.

### **The Carol Woodbury Leadership Award - awarded to: Debra Brendemuehl; Patrick Lyndon PTA, West Roxbury, MA**

Carol Woodbury was the president of the Massachusetts PTA from 1999-2002. During her term, she inspired units across the state to work together and form positive relationships with school administrations and the community. Carol continues to work on behalf of students, parents and teachers in Massachusetts where she works as a superintendent.

### **Unsung Hero Award - awarded to: Debbie Blanchette; Pine Grove School Nurse Mary Babineau; Palmer River Elementary Custodian**

These Unsung Heroes have gone above and beyond the call of duty. They are special people who have done extra special things for those in need. They have done good work without receiving or expecting praise and recognition.

### **Outstanding Teacher of the Year - awarded to: Athena Deltano; Mary E Baker School, Brockton, MA**

This award is to recognize a school teacher who is supportive, helpful, and personally involved in the PTA.

### **Outstanding Principal of the Year - awarded to: Christine Kneeland, Pine Grove School Principal**

This award is to recognize a principal who is supportive, helpful, and personally involved in the PTA.

### **Outstanding Counselor of the Year - awarded to: Robert Bardwell, Monson PTSA School District**

This award is to recognize a school counselor who is supportive, helpful, and embodies the mission of PTA.

### **Spirit of PTA Award—Unit awarded to: Brooke Leahy; Edgartown PTA, Edgartown, MA Jennifer Moitoso; Rehoboth PTSA, Rehoboth, MA**

This award recognizes volunteers who promote and encourage the essence of PTA in their communities...*everyChild.oneVoice.*

### **Outstanding Local Unit Advocate of the Year - awarded to: Salisbury PTA; Salisbury, MA**

This award is given to a local unit who has made significant contributions through Advocacy.

### **Outstanding Advocate of the Year - awarded to: Kim Savery; Plymouth, MA Mary Ann Stewart; Lexington, MA**

This award is given to an advocate who has made significant contributions through Advocacy.

## BARBARA BAILEY MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Angela Belanger, Pine Grove PTA

In early September, Ms. Belanger approached us with the idea of some friendly competition. Losing schools' Principals wore the winner's spiritwear. SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY EIGHT families, friends, and community members signed up to support our Triton Elementary Kiddos. AWESOME - win or loose, we all won!

We had a good run and the race was tight..but we congratulate our friends at Pine Grove School PTA: winners of the 2019/2020 Membership Competition! What a fun time we had and such a great showing of support towards our Triton PTAs.



## CAROL WOODBURY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Debra Brendemuehl, Patrick Lyndon PTA

I'm thrilled to nominate Debra Brendemuehl for the Carol Woodbury Leadership Award. Mahatma Gandhi is quoted as saying, "A sign of a good leader is not how many followers you have, but how many leaders you create". This may not be more true of anyone other than Debbie. Whether she's co-chair of our single biggest fundraiser/event, an active member at our meetings, or single-handedly saving the PTA with her passion and work ethic, Debbie shows our community what it means to support the PTA and is deserving of consideration for this award.

Debbie is a co-chair of our single biggest fundraiser, the Turkey Trot. It is an annual event eagerly anticipated by the community. As Treasurer for the past two years, I've seen Debbie lead this event with passion; it has grown tremendously in both participation and revenue under her watch. She leads this event with a focus on three pillars: inclusion, fitness, fun. Debbie makes sure that the event is accessible and enjoyable to all. As an avid runner, she also advocates for exercise and fitness as she knows the positive effect it can have on people young and old. Last, she makes sure the event is not just competitive but fun—making sure to have music, a bounce house, and many goofy costumes to let everyone know we're all here to have fun as a community and the celebrate the school. Debbie is also an active member who is welcoming, vocal, and enthusiastic. Her presence is always felt at our meetings. Her excitement is contagious—she could sell anyone on going to the Turkey Trot, or attending the City Wide Spelling Bee. She also won't hesitate to speak up as a voice of reason, or a Devil's Advocate. She sets the example of what it means to be a member for newcomers and veterans alike.

Last, and most importantly, the Patrick Lyndon PTA may not exist if it weren't for Debbie's dedication and hard work. A handful of years ago the board was notified that our tax-exempt status was in jeopardy as tax returns had not been filed for several years. Previous Board members mistook "taxexempt" to mean "tax-return-exempt". Debbie worked with a local CPA to right the past wrongs and maintain the PTA's tax exempt status, spending hours of personal time in the process. Debbie recognized the importance of the PTA for the school and the community and would stop at nothing to keep it alive. Debbie is a fantastic leader who enables others to do the same. She runs our single biggest fundraiser, giving the PTA the resources it needs to help the school. Her presence at PTA meetings is always felt, and her contributions are beyond compare, I truly value her perspective. Last the Patrick Lyndon PTA truly may not exist without her passion and work ethic. Her example elevates the performance of others and for this, she's a truly great leader. In summary, Debbie has been instrumental to the PTA's success and I can't think of anyone more deserving of recognition for their accomplishments.

## UNSUNG HERO AWARD

### Debbie Blanchette, Pine Grove School Nurse

On behalf of the Pine Grove School PTA Board I would like to nominate our school nurse, Debbie Blanchette, for the Unsung Hero Award. I have been involved with the Pine Grove PTA for about eight years. During this time Debbie has always been a PTA Member. She is extremely supportive of the PTA, Pine Grove staff and most of all the Pine Grove students!!

Like any Unsung hero, there are not many people who are aware of the things Debbie does to be sure our students are thriving. In winter months, students can be seen going to the nurse for extra gloves, hats, and even coats, often purchased by Debbie herself. In spring and fall, students can be seen needing dry shoes, or dry clothes after a run in with the mud at recess. For many students who are not able to afford snack, you will see Debbie handing out small bags of pretzels to make sure no student is ever hungry.

Debbie donates to every fundraiser the PTA has! Most often, her donations are so that every child in Pine Grove will have the same opportunities. In the fall the PTA hosts a Mum's fundraiser to benefit the current 5th grade class trip to Ecology School. Debbie makes a donation every year to our Mum's fundraiser to benefit each of the students. In February during our Carnation fundraiser for Valentine's Day, Debbie always makes a donation to be used to purchase carnations for students who may not receive one. These donations are never given for recognition, but always in the best interest of students at Pine Grove.

Each year at Christmas time Debbie organizes a program called Helping Hands, where through donations received, she ensures that the families in need at PGS are able to give their children a Christmas. This undertaking is no easy task, yet Debbie does it with such ease, and always in the best interest of the students.

Every school nurse has an open door policy, but Debbie's open door policy is SO much more!!! Staff, students and parents can always count on her for a listening ear, a comforting thought, a hug and always a smile!!

I personally cannot imagine Pine Grove School without her! She is an amazing woman who puts the students and staff and Pine Grove Community before herself each and every day! It is with great appreciation that you please consider Debbie Blanchette for the Unsung Hero Award.

## UNSUNG HERO AWARD

### Mary Babineau, Palmer River Elementary School Custodian

I nominate Mary Babineau, one of the custodians at Palmer River Elementary School as a candidate to receive the unsung hero award. She does great deeds and receives little or no recognition for them. She goes above and beyond her job description to make the school a better place for the students. Although the cleanliness of the school is her priority and this really shows in all she does; "Ms. Mary" also recognizes the students and staff that learn and work in the school. If she can help you or make something easier for you she will. For instance, during lunches you can watch Mary interact with the students and their reaction to her is very positive. She knows their name, listens to their stories, asks questions, high fives, ties shoes, zippers coats, etc. She has made a difference to a lot of children at Palmer River.

Further, Ms. Mary has been helpful and supportive to Rehoboth PTSA. She supports our fundraisers; buying books for her grandchildren at the book fairs, buying spirit wear, buying the yearbook, etc. She will also help us find trash barrels, extension cords, boxes, etc. She will put things on the dolly and move them, sometimes before you can even ask to borrow the dolly. Mary has made a substantive yet unrecognized contribution to the students and overall community at Palmer River Elementary School. She is a deserving candidate for the unsung hero award.

## OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

### Christine Kneeland, Pine Grove Principal

The Pine Grove School PTA would like to nominate Christine Kneeland for the Outstanding Principal of the Year Award. Christine has been the principal of Pine Grove School for over 10 years and each year has been a member of our PTA. Christine takes time to attend each meeting, always giving an update to parents about what has gone on throughout the school each month. She is always willing to address any topics or questions that other members would like to discuss with a kind listening ear.

Christine works closely with the PTA board to help create a calendar full of fun and educational experiences for the students of Pine Grove School leaving them with lasting memories. Christine is supportive of her staff, students and parents of Pine Grove School. Christine worked with the PTA to create a fun, supportive, and very appreciative, Teacher Appreciation Week last May. Teachers were sprinkled with kindness thanks to the PTA and Christine's support. Christine is very supportive of the parents in the Pine Grove community. She constantly communicates with the PTA board and is always willing to lend a helping hand when needed. Just recently, Christine donated many prizes to a silent auction giving up her own time and donations to help students raise money for Ecology School. What student won't love getting a "Pedicure with the Principal!"

Christine is always supportive of her students. Always ready to greet them each morning with a smile, a hug and a "Good Morning" students are sure to feel welcome coming into school each day. Christine can be seen walking the hallways, checking in with students, asking how they are doing, and sending them off to have a great day! Christine also has a presence to have fun! When asked to help with a reward to our annual Read-A-Thon winners, Christine willingly agreed to be sprayed with Silly String! Students loved getting the chance to spray their principal and this has become an annual event student's look forward to!

Christine is very deserving of the Outstanding Principal of the Year Award for her dedication and support to the Pine Grove PTA and the students of Pine Grove School.

## OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

### Athena Deltano, Special Education Teacher at Mary E. Baker School

I would like to nominate special education teacher Athena Deltano for Outstanding Teacher of the Year. She joined the Mary E. Baker School this year and has already had an enormous impact on our students.

Her classroom is comprised of students who have had more challenges at school and home than your average child. They come to school already weighed down with so much pressure and stress that success seems unattainable.

Mrs. Deltano has stepped into this tumultuous classroom and changed the lives of these children. She has shown them the amazing people they are and helped them to overcome insecurities so that they can thrive. And thrive they have! Her students have taken charge of the Choose to Be Nice program at the school, sharing with the other students in school the ways in which to be a good person. They ask to go to into our Life Skills classrooms to help some of our highest need students.

Most importantly, they know that there is someone who genuinely cares for them and is there to fight for them. To see the transformation of these children since the beginning of the year is simply amazing. They smile and laugh and can just relax for at least a little bit and be kids. She is quite aptly named after the Greek Goddess of Wisdom and Warfare. I am not the most eloquent writer, but there are honestly no words that could capture just how amazing she is, and what a difference she has made to her students and our school. Thank you for your consideration!

## OUTSTANDING COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

### Bob Bardwell, Monson School District

I have known Bob Bardwell for many years and one thing I know for sure is that he embodies the PTA mission; to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. He is the first staff member to join Monson PTSA each year and attends meeting and events as often as possible

As Director of School Counseling as well as School-to-Career Coordinator at Monson High School, Bob has worked to make it an inclusive school community. His department produces bi-monthly newsletters that provide insight and information for parents, families and students as well as one focused on seniors. He was instrumental in forming STAND, Monson High's Diversity/GSA Club. After meeting with Michelle Obama as she introduced the Reach Higher Initiative, Monson schools pledged to create new opportunities/programs to encourage students to graduate and attend further education and training beyond high school. One of their first steps was to hold Monson's first Senior Signing day in May 2015, recognizing and celebrating all seniors by highlighting their pursuits after graduation. This week the sixth Senior Signing day will be held virtually. They are always looking for new initiatives to help inspire, motivate and encourage students to graduate and pursue further education.

Bob is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and is a former American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Board Member and Secondary Level Vice President. He is a Past President of the Massachusetts School Counselors Association (MASCA) as well as a former Advocacy Chair for MASCA. He currently serves as MASCA Executive Director. In each of these positions he advocates strongly for more counselors in schools. Mass PTA hopes to join him in that fight.

## SPIRIT OF PTA AWARD

### Brooke Leahy; Edgartown PTA

As acting Secretary, she is a consistent force in maintaining structure and balance. Her fair but efficient nature has enabled us to become an effective PTA.

Brooke was instrumental in driving our membership to double this year. Her dedication to being not only the Secretary, but Membership Director has made our local PTA strong and united. She recruited from our incoming Kindergarten classes through eighth grade to make our memberships flourish. As a small PTA, she single handedly achieved this through hard work and commitment to the organization.

Brooke is a class parent which is a liaison between the teacher and parents. She's advocated to have class parents to every class in every grade throughout the school. She has successfully coordinated the implementation of this across multiple grades.

We have a very diverse school with a rapidly increasing percentage of non-english speaking students and parents, with whom she is consistently working to insure everyone is included. She does this by vibrant and engaging bulletin boards, frequent emails and newsletters in multiple languages. As Secretary, she is also responsible for managing the PTA email account. The email account is our primary way of engaging with not only the parents but staff and local businesses. Brooke deals with all enquiries in a timely and efficient manner that enables us to build on our community links.

Recently we undertook a large fundraising event – involving an external company – Brooke was involved in all elements of this massive endeavor. She managed a committee to organize the event, liaised with the Boosterthon company, coordinated daily volunteers, distributed prizes, managed the fundraising incentives, coordinated with school administration and teachers, as well as daily communication with all students and parents.

## SPIRIT OF PTA AWARD

### Jennifer Moitoso; Rehoboth PTSA

I nominate Jennifer Moitoso as a candidate to receive the Spirit of PTA award. She portrays the true essence of PTA in her daily life. She advocates for children through PTSA and through her employment at a mental health hospital for children. Jenn has been an active member of the Rehoboth PTSA consistently for over 13 years! She has attended and actively participated in over one hundred and thirty general meetings and countless committee and executive board meetings, trainings and workshops. She has held many, many Board positions including; Assistant Treasurer; Vice President of Palmer River Elementary School; Vice President of Beckwith and President. She has held many co - chair and Chair positions over the years as well; such as the Book fair Chair, the Auction co chair, the Color Run Chair, the 5K/ Fun Run co chair, Golf Ball Drop Chair, etc. Some of these events Jenn has created and they have become staple fundraisers and lasting family engagement events for the PTSA over the years. Further, Jenn has been on most committees: Fall Festival, Staff Appreciation, Book Club, and the Dances. She has two children that are three years apart in age and of the opposite sex; which has lead to her long and active role with the PTSA creating and coordinating so many varied events and tasks.

Jenn would log onto to the National PTA website and read off a policy, position statement or the PTA mission during a meeting to explain why we could/should do something or why we could not. She would also demand that the budget for the elementary school and the middle school be the same; that all were included and treated fairly. Many times she was the lone voice or in the minority at a meeting advocating for what she believed in. The spirit of PTA and the mission of advocating was always the basis for what she said and did. While on the Executive Board together we would receive emails that were difficult; Jenn would be the first one to respond in a polite manner stating the mission, goals, by laws, etc. She is an exceptional role model for all PTSA members. Jenn was always the room parent for her children's classroom when they were in elementary school, helping the teachers plan parties and events for the students. She further sat on the School Council at Palmer River when her children where in elementary school and she has sat on the School Council at Beckwith Middle school for over seven years. She is currently a member of the School Council at Beckwith as the Community Representative, since her children are both at the high school this year. Jenn maintains her membership and association with the Rehoboth PTSA and is always willing to give advice and explanations and help wherever needed. Spirit is defined as the qualities that make someone live the way they do, and make them different from other people; this defines how Jenn Moitoso posses and demonstrates the Spirit of PTA and makes her deserving of the Spirit of PTA award. Thank you for considering her for the award.

## OUTSTANDING LOCAL ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

### Kim Savery; Plymouth, MA

I nominate Kim Savery for the Advocate award. She is a past Federal Legislative Chair from MA PTA, a past member of the Board of Directors of National PTA, and a past MA PTA board member holding the position of President among others. She maintains contact with the MA PTA and her local units in Plymouth. She is currently a very active member of her local school committee and the Massachusetts School Committees Association. She advocates for people in many different areas and on many different subjects. Her advocacy areas include Common Core, the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act and the new MCAS tests.

Most recently, she has been working on the state's funding mechanisms for schools with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. Further, she works to empower children. Kim has advocated around equality issues designed to make schools a safe and fair place for students regardless of how they identify. She recently returned from advocating on behalf of the school committee association in Washington DC. I believe Kim Hunt possess the qualities of a true advocate and is very desiring of this award.

## OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

### Mary Ann Stewart; Lexington, MA

I nominate Mary Ann Stewart for the Advocate award. She is a past member of the MA PTA Board, a past President and past Federal Legislative Chair from MA, a member of the Cranberry PTA and her local PTA unit. She was active in PTA for many years and currently is a member at large on the Board. She is on the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as the parent representative, the voice for parents. The MA PTA recommends a parent to fill this vacancy. She has served in this role since her appointment by Governor Patrick in 2014. She advocates for what is in the best interests of parents and their children. It is my understanding that Mary Ann takes the time to research an issue and understand the concerns on all sides prior to making a decision, even if it means making site visits. She is a constant advocate for what she believes is right and just.

Her actions demonstrate her belief in the potential of all children and the need to provide endless opportunities. She has been active in the schools and in town government, serving as an elected representative to Town Meeting since 2006 and on the School Committee from 2009-2014 where she lead as Chair from 2011-2012. She also serves as a member of the National Advisory Council for Media Literacy Now. Mary Ann Stewart advocates on a daily basis and is deserving to be recognized for her efforts.

## OUTSTANDING LOCAL UNIT ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

### Salisbury PTA

I nominate Salisbury PTA to receive the local unit Advocacy award. The advocacy campaigns they have worked on include: In 2015 they met with their principal with the idea and a bundle of information regarding grab and go breakfast. He immediately reached out to the district food and nutrition specialist, Lucinda Ward, who brought the ideas to fruition. In the 2018/2019 SY because of grant funding Lucinda applied for, breakfast was FREE to all students and PTA supported this through PR and also provided the needed funding to update the technology to run it free. Despite cuts to the budget in the 2019/20SY, the grab and go program continues to serve the school community strong. Prior to the program children who came to school after the bell, and went to the cafe for breakfast would be turned away. Each one of these children has their own unique story, maybe there wasn't food to eat, maybe their sock was scratchy, maybe they slept late.....but it all lead to the same point- they needed to eat to start their day. SES PTA felt they needed to find a better solution. Fast forward 5 years and the program is running strong. Children come in, grab the bag of their choice and head to class and eat breakfast while unpacking and doing morning work. The project has shown an even further reach as the food that isn't consumed either goes home for a nutritious choice later (it's all shelf stable) or is added to the classroom's selection of food choices when needed. In the 2018, SES PTA installed a filtered water bottle filling station - so that children would have access to clean drinking water throughout the day.

SES PTA has hosted numerous speakers on various topics. The SES Parent Speaker series was designed on the premise that when parents and educators have shared access to educational experts, they can develop common language and strategies to help children succeed in school and in life. They welcome and invite anyone interested from the community and beyond. The presentations are always free, although they have occasionally asked for an optional pantry donation. Folks from the five surrounding towns attend. Funding for the presentations is allocated within the PTA budget, grant supported or hosted with community groups. Some of the highlights include: Charlie Applestein - "No Such Thing as a Bad Kid"; Elizabeth Englander - Internet safety; Sarah Ward - Executive functioning; Lynn Lyons Anxious Kids, Anxious parents; and Katie Greer- Internet safety.

In response to district funding shortfalls and the need for a voice the SES PTA created We Are Triton. The mission is to unite the district and the communities in support of education and the funding to achieve the District's commitment to develop engaged, successful, responsible, and resilient learners who become well-prepared young adults and contributing citizens. The vision is driven by the unwavering commitment to meeting the needs of all students in their district, through advocacy and partnership with all members of our communities. The SES PTA is steadfast in their commitment to maintain the work of the school district to uphold/maintain a quality educational system as one of our towns' strongest commodities. This advocacy work entails attending and speaking at meetings with our local leaders and school committee. Reaching out to our State leaders via phone calls, emails and social media. These are all great examples of advocacy efforts that support the PTA mission and further our "every child, one voice" moto.

## MASSACHUSETTS PTA VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2020

PTA is a volunteer driven organization. To provide all of the amazing programs and events a local PTA may provide for their community it requires many dedicated volunteers. To encourage and recognize the outstanding work of volunteers, Massachusetts PTA (MA PTA) provides multiple individual recognition awards that local PTAs may choose to award to deserving volunteers.

Each unit can submit up to 8 nominations, 1 for each candy listed.



**Starburst- You always burst with energy and excitement**

Carolyn D'Amato- Pine Grove PTA  
Elise Dubois- Rehoboth PTSA  
Brooke Leahy- Edgartown PTA

**Pay Day- You always keep us on budget**

Traci Cady- Rehoboth PTSA  
Michelle Oteri- Edgartown PTA  
Caitlin Unger- Patrick Lyndon PTA

**Crunch- You are always help others when they are in a crunch**

Nicole Fisk- Rehoboth PTSA  
Heidi McDonough- Edgartown PTA  
Jen O'Hanlon- Edgartown PTA  
Nerrisa Wallen- Pine Grove PTA

**3 Musketeers- You are loyal and a good friend**

Kerry Dei- Pine Grove PTA  
Karen DeRoche- Rehoboth PTSA  
Sue Stanford- Edgartown PTA

**KitKat- You are always helpful and give others a break**

Kate Cheropowich- Rehoboth PTSA  
Brooke Leahy- Edgartown PTA

**Extra- You are a hard worker and go the extra mile**

Valerie Carey- Rehoboth PTSA  
Claire Crowell- Edgartown PTA  
Jennifer Johnson- Pine Grove PTA

**Pop Rocks- You rock our world!**

Carla Cogliani- Pine Grove PTA  
Brooke Leahy- Edgartown PTA  
Nellie Lima- Rehoboth PTSA

**Rolo- You always roll with the punches**

Kelly Laferriere- Pine Grove PTA  
Sherry Mayer- Rehoboth PTSA  
Jen O'Hanlon- Edgartown PTA



## MASSACHUSETTS PTA MEMBERSHIP AWARDS 2020

### Massachusetts PTA Golden Apple- awarded to:

**Pine Grove PTA; Rowley, MA  
Salisbury Elementary PTA; Salisbury, MA**

This award is to recognize a unit with 100% membership of full-time certified teachers.

### One Voice for Every Child awarded to:

**Provincetown PTA; Provincetown, MA**

This award is to recognize a unit with membership equal to or greater than number of students enrolled in the

### Units that submitted Early Bird dues, by 10/15/19 were entered into the raffle for a \$75.00 gift card; the winners were (check out the video on Facebook for a recap!):

**CM Callahan School PTA; Norwood, MA  
Rehoboth PTSA; Rehoboth, MA**

### Units that submitted dues by 11/15/19 were entered into the raffle for a \$50.00 gift card; the winners were (check out the video on Facebook for a recap!):

**Cold Springs PTA; Plymouth, MA  
Salisbury Elementary PTA; Salisbury, MA**

### First unit to submit a membership increase number (by 12/15/19):

a 15+ member increase over last year's total membership will receive a \$25 gift card  
**Edgartown PTA; Edgartown, MA**

a 25+ member increase over last year's total membership will receive a \$50 gift card  
**CM Callahan School PTA; Norwood, MA**

a 30+ member increase over last year's total membership will receive a \$75 gift card  
**Pine Grove PTA; Rowley, MA**

### Outstanding Membership Award-These unit had at least 50 members last year, and the one unit per region with the highest member increase will receive a \$25.00 gift card to Shop PTA.

#### Region 2

**Littleton PTA in Littleton - 24 new members**

#### Region 3

**West Somerville Neighborhood School PTA in Somerville - 68 new members**

#### Region 4

**Pine Grove School PTA in Rowley - 122 new members**

#### Region 5

**Alden PTA in Duxbury - 11 new members**

#### Region 6

**Edgartown School PTA Edgartown - 80 new**

### The unit that reported the most males members per region:

#### Region 1

**Farmington River Elementary School PTA, Inc. in Otis - 13 males**

#### Region 2

**West Boylston Middle/High School PTA in West Boylston - 19 males**

#### Region 3

**Benjamin G. Brown School PTA in Somerville - 49 males**

#### Region 4

**Salisbury Elementary PTA in Salisbury - 75 males**

#### Region 5

**Henry B. Burkland PTA in Middleboro - 13 males**

## MASSACHUSETTS PTA MEMBERSHIP AWARDS 2020

Congratulations to those units with a membership increase for the 2019-2020 school year:

Region 1

**Hatfield Elementary PTA in Hatfield**

Region 2

**Littleton PTA in Littleton**  
**JR Briggs PTA in Ashburnham**  
**Northbridge PTA in Whitinsville**

Region 3

**Albert F. Argenziano School PTA in Somerville**  
**Arthur D. Healy School in Somerville**  
**East Somerville Community School PTA in Somerville**  
**Harrington PTA in Lexington**  
**John F. Kennedy School PTA in Somerville**  
**Joseph H. Gibbons Elementary School PTA in Stoughton**  
**Lexington Special Education PTA in Lexington**  
**Mary Lee Burbank School PTA in Belmont**  
**Winn Brook PTA, Inc. in Belmont**

Region 3

**Alden PTA in Duxbury**  
**Edgar B. Davis Elementary PTA in Brockton**  
**Gordon W. Mitchell Middle School PTA in East Bridgewater**  
**Mary K. Goode PTA in Middleborough**  
**Memorial Early Childhood Center PTA in Middleborough**  
**Plymouth Community Intermediate PTA in Plymouth**  
**Wareham PTA in Wareham**

Congratulations to the local units with at least a 50% membership increase over last year's numbers! We truly value and applaud this accomplishment by your unit!

Region 3

**C.M. Callahan PTA in Norwood- 69.57%**  
**West Somerville Neighborhood School PTA in Somerville- 81.93%**  
**Michael E. Capuano Early Childhood PTA in Somerville- 106.67%**

Region 4

**Pine Grove School PTA in Rowley 88.41%**  
**Salisbury Elementary PTA in Salisbury 66.05%**

Region 6

**Edgartown School PTA in Edgartown 258.06%**



## MASSACHUSETTS PTA MEMBERSHIP AWARDS 2020

### 2019-2020 Building Today's PTA Membership Growth

**Challenge Award– 5% to 14% Increase ; Dues received on time by 12/31/19**

Local Unit	% Change
Benjamin G. Brown School PTA	10%
Sheehan School PTA	7%

**Making a Difference Award– 15% Plus Increase ; Dues received on time by 12/31/19**

Barnstable United Elementary School PTA	100%
C.M. Callahan PTA	70%
Edgartown School PTA	258%
Micheal E Capuano Early Chilhood PTA	107%
Nathaniel Morton Elementary School PTA	28%
Patrick Lyndon Pilot School PTA	47%
Pine Grove School PTA	88%
Provincetown PTA	34%
Salisbury Elementary PTA	66%
West Somerville Neighborhood School PTA	82%

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Alden PTA- Duxbury  
Barnstable West Barnstable PTA- West Barnstable  
CM Callahan School PTA-Norwood  
Deerfield Elementary School PTA- Deerfield  
FA Cleveland PTA-Norwood  
Hedge Elementary School PTA- Plymouth  
Mary Lee Burbank School PTA- Belmont  
Mountview Middle School PTA- Holden  
Plymouth Community Intermediate PTA- Plymouth  
Plymouth South Middle School- Plymouth  
Stearns Elementary PTA- Pittsfield  
West Elementary PTA- Plymouth

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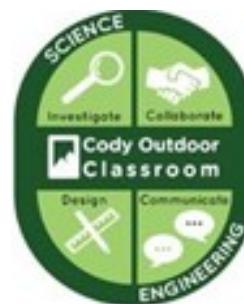
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## MASSACHUSETTS PTA RESOLUTION 2019-2020



### **RESOLUTION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) STOP THE YOUTH VAPING AND E-CIGARETTE EPI**

**WHEREAS**, Big Tobacco companies are using flavors and cheap prices to get kids to use dangerous vaping, JUUL, and e-cigarette products; AND

**WHEREAS**, E-cigarettes are dangerous and contain nicotine and other harmful chemicals; AND

**WHEREAS**, Nicotine is bad for you and one Juul pod contains the same amount of nicotine as ONE PACK of cigarettes; AND

**WHEREAS**, Nicotine is derived from tobacco, is addictive and is a gateway to traditional cigarette use and has immediate short-term negative health impacts with brain development, popcorn lung and leads to cardiovascular issues; AND

**WHEREAS**, Youth & teen vaping/e-cigarette use is at alarming rates and Massachusetts is the 8<sup>th</sup> worst state in the country in terms of high school use of electronic cigarettes; AND

**WHEREAS**, Flavors make it easier for kids to start using tobacco products and now nearly 25% of high schoolers are now using e-cigarettes/vaping/Juul; AND

**WHEREAS**, Kids are now using these products at a rate that is 6 times higher than adults; AND

**WHEREAS**, Flavoring is designed to lure kids to vaping products; AND

**WHEREAS**, Flavors are already banned in cigarettes (with the exemption of mint and menthol); AND

**WHEREAS**, Vaping/Juul/e-cigarette products are not subject to an excise like other tobacco products making them cheaper for kids who are price sensitive; AND

**WHEREAS**, The MASSACHUSETTS PTA, upon consideration of all data and information, has deemed the issue of pediatric and adolescent addiction and addiction potential to vaping and e-cigarette materials an issue of grave public health concern.

**BE IT RESOLVED** the MASSACHUSETTS PTA Supports a ban on flavored tobacco products and creating excise parity for e-cigarettes and other vaping products.

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On behalf of the MASSACHUSETTS PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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- **Timer:**

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# MASS PTA GENERAL SESSION 2020 INFORMATION

## Credentials Report

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Board of Directors	
Local PTA Delegates	
Total Voting Delegates	
Guests	
Total in Attendance	

## Appointed Audit Committee for Annual Meeting Minutes:

Barbara Bailey, Karen DeRoche and Madison Estes

# ANNUAL MEETING RULES 2020

1	Other Members	Other members of the Massachusetts PTA, upon previous registration before the start of the meeting, may attend the annual meeting.
2	Identification	The Massachusetts PTA will need to virtually identify you for admission to the meeting.
3	Voting Member Obtaining the Floor	A voting member of the convention wishing to obtain the floor shall use the hand raise feature on Zoom, and after being recognized by the chair, shall give his, or her name, the name of the local or council which he or she represents, or state board position.
4	Delegate Speaking Limits	A delegate may speak for not more than three minutes in discussion from the floor, or more than twice on the same motion.
5	Name in Nomination	Only one nominating speech, not to exceed two minutes, may be made when placing a <i>Name in Nomination</i> . After nominations have closed, the qualifications of all candidates, stated in a uniform manner, shall be posted on the screen during the meeting. The vote will then be taken using the anonymous polling feature on Zoom.