

Greetings PTA Members:

Welcome to your state convention! I hope you are staying safe and well. Thank you for setting aside this time to learn and grow as a leader. Your attendance is a testament to your commitment to our PTA mission: *to make every child's potential a reality.*

The events of the past year have brought me so many different emotions—grief, fear and uncertainty, but also hope, joy and determination. Overwhelmingly I have felt deep gratitude for this association.

For almost 125 years, our PTA family has navigated historic moments with grace and fortitude. The COVID-19 pandemic and the national racial reckoning have been no different. Part of being a family is leaning on one another when times are tough and holding close to your shared values. Your efforts to support your communities and protect our nation's children have filled me with pride.

PTAs across the country have jumped into action to provide desperately needed resources that boost families' social and emotional well-being, enhance distance teaching and learning, help to bridge the digital divide, and address food insecurity. I know I can count on you to continue to be there for the vulnerable populations in your communities as our nation recovers over the next few months.

My wish for you during your state convention is to listen and learn. I hope that what you discover will help you keep an open mind and a brave heart as we make plans for the future. Please know that you are not alone. National PTA always has your back.

Together, I know that our PTA family will take this challenging time in our history and turn it into an opportunity to build an even better future for our nation's children. One in which every child's potential can truly become a reality.

Thank you for all you do. Have a great convention!

Best wishes,



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