

Dear Achilles Families,

Here is a quick at-a-glance chart to explain the differences between a PTA and PTO. We are excited that it was unanimously decided by a *General Membership* vote at the May 20<sup>th</sup> Special meeting that we dissolve our PTA charter and become our own PTO. Official paperwork is in the process of being filed and a PTO Transitional Board is in place. Please contact us if you are interested in becoming more involved with this new organization.

Sincerely,

Achilles Elementary PTO Transitional Board

### The PTO Transitional Executive Board Officers:

President: Celeste Gucanac

Vice President: Shannon Dishman

School Principal: Molly Broderson

Treasurer: Kathryn Lindsay

Secretary: Heidi Warren

Programs Director: Beth Warren

Programs Co-Director: Char Turner

Fundraising: (open)

Membership: Susanna Hogge

Spirit Night Director: Stacie Martin

Photos Director: Krista Ormsby

Additional Members: Tracie Tillage, Nikol Tillage, Jennifer Canon

School Representatives: Debbie Bone, Donna Phillips, Angela Foster

## PTA

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<b>What is it?</b>	A group of parents formally organized and paying dues to both a state and National PTA organization.	An independent parent group, formally organized yet not politically affiliated with any state or national organization.
<b>Organization/ Professional Staff</b>	National PTA has many paid employees and the Virginia PTA has at least two paid staff members. National and state PTA revenues come from dues from local units.	There is no “national PTO.” All money is used for our PTO programs and events. All PTO board members volunteer their time to run the organization. We have a PTO Transitional Board in place until the General Membership meeting in September, bylaws and formal documentation are being finalized.
<b>Dues—Required?</b>	Yes. Over 50% of dues collected are sent to the Virginia and National PTA	Optional. 100%of the money collected goes to fund our PTO programs and events.
<b>Insurance—Required?</b>	Yes.	Not required, but we are signing up for insurance coverage.
<b>Insurance—Cost</b>	\$230 per year	\$288 per year
<b>Nonprofit Status</b>	Required.	Our PTO is in the process of filing for 501c3 status.
<b>Political Advocacy</b>	Required. National PTA is an advocacy organization for PTA-approved political positions. Local PTA groups must abide by PTA-approved positions. PTA dues support state and national PTA political efforts.	Not required. Right now, our PTO prefers to remain focused on parent involvement, school support, and community-building at the local level.