Is Your Unit in Good Standing?

OFFICERS LIST'S WAS DUE BY JUNE 30
Officer's List

INSURANCE PAYMENT WAS DUE BY JUNE 30
Insurance

STANDARDS OF AFFILIATION CHECKLIST
SOA's (Standards of Affiliation)

MEMBERSHIP IS DUE SEPTEMBER 30 (Late submissions will NOT count for August!)
Membership

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Do you know the PTA Mission?
Our mission guides everything we do:

PTA Mission

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.
AZPTA was at Collier Elementary School in Tucson on Saturday September 7 to host a Leadership Bootcamp! Online training will be available soon, please stay tuned if you did not have the opportunity to attend Convention or an in-person Bootcamp!

Are you registered to vote? Registering and updating is vital to making sure your voice is heard. What better way to kick off National Voter Registration Month than to update your information today?

www.servicearizona.com/registration

Do you know a teacher that goes above and beyond the call of duty? We are kicking off our Teacher of the Month award by doing a back to school double!
For the month of September, we will be giving two (you heard that right!) this prestigious award!

**Nominations are due by September 15!**

Let the special teacher from your school know how important they are to your community!

Remember they can win if you don’t nominate them!

[Nominate here!](#)

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**National PTA Position on proposed SNAP benefits changes:**

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September 4, 2019

SNAP Program Branch
Program Development Division
Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
3320 Park Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

RE: Notice of Proposed Rule Making — Revision of Categorical Eligibility in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Dear SNAP Program Branch:

On behalf of National PTA and our 8 million PTA members, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Notice of Proposed Rule Making on a Revision of Categorical Eligibility in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

National PTA is committed to promoting the health and well-being of our nation’s children and families. We recognize that children need nutritious meals in order to reach their full potential, and we consistently advocate to ensure low-income and at-risk youth have access to federal school meal programs. The proposed rule would eliminate SNAP benefits for millions of families and jeopardize children’s access to free school breakfast and lunch, leading to lasting damage to their health, wellbeing and ability to learn and thrive. We urge USDA to withdraw the proposed rule change.

SNAP plays a critical role in addressing hunger and food insecurity across the nation and serves as a safeguard against hunger for many low-income children and families. To ensure needy households can access SNAP, most states1 utilize the broad-based categorical eligibility (BBCE) policy option. BBCE allows states to eliminate SNAP asset tests and use a higher income test to serve working families that have significant expenses for shelter and childcare. The proposed rule eliminates states’ ability to use BBCE by limiting the use of modified income and asset tests. The proposed rule’s Regulatory Impact Analysis estimates 1.7 million households will lose SNAP benefits as a result and households that remain eligible will face additional burdens associated with the application process. The potential impact as outlined in the Regulatory Impact Analysis puts families in these households at risk for increased hunger, diminishes their access to nutritious foods and threatens their overall wellbeing. It is worth noting that Congress expressed its support for BBCE in the 2018 Bipartisan Farm Bill (P.L. 115-234). It is inappropriate for USDA to act in a way that is inconsistent with the will of Congress, diminishing states’ abilities to effectively meet the needs of their citizens and increasing hunger in this country.

1 Congressional Research Service (CRS), based on data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as of July 2018.
PTA birthday Shoutouts!
A new month brings in new adventures!
It also brings in more celebrations!
Thank you to all these units for working hard and bringing PTA to their communities!
Did you know that the arts improve academic performance? Students engaged in arts learning have higher GPAs, standardized test scores, and college-going rates as well as lower drop-out rates.

Join over 5,000 PTAs across the nation in bringing arts education to life. Learn more and register today!

For more information about Reflections contact Arts in Education Chair Krystal Valenzuela at arts@azpta.org
If there’s anything we know about in Arizona, it’s the importance of staying hydrated!

Especially in the summer heat, 25 local PTAs will receive $1,000 from NPTA’s Healthy Hydration Grant! Grant winners will have a fun and innovative #ChooseWater Healthy Hydration Program sponsored by @NestleWatersNA & @NestlePureLife APPLY NOW at PTA.org/Grants
We are very grateful for our partners and sponsors!
This week we would like to showcase a few of our sponsors for their donations, collaboration and support.