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2 **Mantua Elementary School PTA Proposed Bylaws 2015**
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4 **Note:** Items in the bylaws that are preceded by a “#” are required by the Virginia PTA and may not be altered in
5 any way.
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7 **Article VII, Section 3(d).** We propose to increase the maximum number of one-year terms for the Treasurer from
8 two (2) to four (4). Each successive term is contingent upon an independent audit of the prior year’s financials. We
9 feel this is appropriate based upon practices by other 501(c)(3) charitable/non-profit organizations so that the
10 Treasurer may continue to serve once he/she has been trained in the many technical aspects of the job. It is
11 important to note that this is not a requirement of the position, simply an option. The treasurer position still carries a
12 one (1) year term. In accordance with current and proposed bylaws, after the annual officer election, the Treasurer
13 cannot assume office until an outside/impartial audit has been completed for the prior fiscal year, which safeguards
14 the PTA’s financial integrity.
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16 The proposed language states: “A person shall not be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the
17 same office, *except the Treasurer may serve a total of four (4) consecutive terms (each term subject to the prior*
18 *year’s audit being presented to the executive board).*”

Mantua Elementary School

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**MANTUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
LOCAL UNIT BYLAWS**

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#ARTICLE I: NAME

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The name of this association is the Mantua Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association located in Fairfax, Virginia. It is a local PTA organized under the authority of the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers (the Virginia PTA), a branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers (the National PTA).

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#ARTICLE II: ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

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The articles of organization of a constituent association include (a) the bylaws of such association and (b) the certificate of incorporation or articles of incorporation of such association (in cases in which the association is a corporation) or the articles of organization by whatever name (in cases in which the association exists as an unincorporated association).

#ARTICLE III: PURPOSES

Section 1. The purposes of the Mantua Elementary PTA, in common with those of the Virginia PTA and the National PTA, are:

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- a. To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.
 - b. To raise the standards of home life.
 - c. To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
 - d. To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
 - e. To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

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Section 2. The purposes of the Virginia PTA, the National PTA and the Mantua Elementary School PTA are promoted through an educational program directed toward parents, teachers, and the general public; are developed through conferences, committees, projects, and programs; and are governed and qualified by the basic policies set forth in Article IV.

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Section 3. The association is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding Section of any future federal tax code (hereinafter "Internal Revenue Code").

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4 **#ARTICLE IV: BASIC POLICIES**
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6 The following are basic policies of the Mantua Elementary PTA in common with those of the Virginia PTA
7 and the National PTA:
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- 9 a. The association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
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11 b. The association shall work with the schools to provide quality education for all children and
12 youth and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process establishing school policy,
13 recognizing that the legal responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to
14 boards of education, state education authorities, and local education authorities.
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16 c. The association shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth, and shall
17 seek to promote collaboration among parents, schools and the community at large.
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19 d. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to
20 its members, directors, trustees, officers or other private persons except that the association
21 shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and
22 to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.
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24 e. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any
25 activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by an association exempt from Federal income tax
26 under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (ii) by an association, contributions
27 to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
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29 f. Upon dissolution of this association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and
30 obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit
31 funds, foundations, or associations that have established their tax-exempt status under Section
32 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are in accordance with those of
33 the Virginia PTA and the National PTA.
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35 g. The association or members in their official capacities shall not, directly or indirectly,
36 participate or intervene (in any way, including publishing or distributing of statements) in any
37 political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office, or devote
38 more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislations by
39 propaganda or otherwise.
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41 h. The association may cooperate with other associations and agencies concerned with child
42 welfare, but a PTA representative shall make no commitments that bind the group he/she
43 represents.
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45 **#ARTICLE V: RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL PTA AND VIRGINIA PTA**
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1 **Section 1.** Local PTA/PTSA's shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Virginia PTA in
2 the area in which the local PTA/PTSA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in
3 conflict with the bylaws of the National PTA, as the Virginia PTA may in its bylaws prescribe.
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5 **Section 2.** The Virginia PTA shall issue to each local PTA/PTSA in its area an appropriate charter
6 evidencing the due association and good standing of the local PTA/PTSA.

7 A local PTA/PTSA in good standing is one which:

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- 9 a. Adheres to the purposes and basic policies of the PTA;
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- 11 b. Has a minimum of three (3) elected officers, to include president and treasurer;
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- 13 c. Remits the state and national portion of dues to the Virginia PTA by dates designated in
14 these bylaws;
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- 16 d. Has bylaws approved according to the procedures of the Virginia PTA; and
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- 18 e. Submits local unit officers contact information form and verification of local unit's
19 employer identification number (EIN) to the state office immediately upon election of
20 officers and no later than June 15 annually;
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- 22 f. Submits a copy of the fiscal year-end audit report and minutes of the meeting at which it
23 was adopted shall be sent to the state office within thirty (30) days following the adoption
24 of the audit report by the general membership;
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- 26 g. Submits a copy of the filed 990 or 990EZ to the state office within fifteen
27 (15) days of filing;
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- 29 h. Meets other criteria as may be prescribed by the Virginia PTA.
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31 **Section 3.** Each local PTA/PTSA shall adopt such bylaws for the governance of the association as may be
32 approved by the Virginia PTA. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with the bylaws of the National PTA or
33 the bylaws of the Virginia PTA.
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35 **Section 4.** Bylaws of each constituent association shall include an article on amendments.
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37 **Section 5.** Each local PTA/PTSA shall keep such permanent books of account and records as shall be
38 sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts, and disbursements of the association including,
39 specifically, the number of its members, the dues collected from its members, and the amounts of dues
40 remitted to the Virginia PTA. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to
41 inspection by an authorized representative of the Virginia PTA or, where directed by the committee on state
42 and national relationships, by a duly authorized representative of the National PTA. Such authorized
43 representative shall have full access in cases where account information and records are required from
44 banks.
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46 **Section 6.** The charter of a local PTA/PTSA shall be subject to withdrawal and the status of such
47 association as a PTA/PTSA unit shall be subject to termination, in the manner and under the circumstances
48 provided in the bylaws of the Virginia PTA.
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1 **Section 7.** Each local PTA/PTSA is obligated upon withdrawal of its charter by the Virginia PTA:
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- 3 a. To yield up and surrender all of its books and records and all of its assets and property to the
4 Virginia PTA or to such agency as may be designated by the Virginia PTA or to another local
5 PTA/PTSA organized under the authority of the Virginia PTA;
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7 b. To cease and desist from the further use of any name that implies or connotes association with
8 the National PTA or the Virginia PTA or status as a constituent association of the National
9 PTA; and
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11 c. To carry out promptly, under the supervision and direction of the Virginia PTA, all proceedings
12 necessary or desirable for the purpose of dissolving such local PTA/PTSA.
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14 **Section 8.** Each officer or board member of a local PTA/PTSA shall be a member of such local
15 PTA/PTSA.
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17 **Section 9.** A PTA/PTSA member shall not serve as a voting member of a constituent association's board at
18 the local, council, district, region, state or national level while serving as a paid employee of, or under
19 contract to, that constituent association.
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21 **Section 10.** Each local PTA/PTSA shall collect dues from its members and shall remit a portion of such
22 dues to the Virginia PTA by dates designated in these bylaws.
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24 **Section 11.** Only members of a local PTA/PTSA who have paid dues for the current membership year may
25 participate in the business of that association.
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27 **Section 12.** Bylaws of each constituent association shall include a provision establishing a quorum.
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29 **Section 13.** The members of the nominating committee for officers of a constituent association shall be
30 elected by the membership, Board of Directors/Managers, Executive Board, or Executive Committee.
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32 **Section 14.** The bylaws of all constituent associations shall prohibit voting by proxy, (unless proxy voting is
33 specified by applicable state law).
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35 **Section 15.** Each local PTA shall include in its bylaws provisions corresponding to the provisions of such
36 of these bylaws as are identified by the state symbol #.
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38 **Section 16.** The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the bylaws of the National PTA shall serve
39 automatically and without the requirement of further action by the local PTA/PTSA to amend
40 correspondingly the bylaws of the local PTA/PTSA. Notwithstanding the automatic character of the
41 amending process, the local PTA/PTSA shall promptly incorporate such amendments in their respective
42 bylaws.
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44 **Section 17.** Local units may address legislative items or issues if the position on the legislative item or issue
45 does not conflict with that of the Virginia PTA Legislation Program. The local unit's name must be used
46 and not that of the Virginia PTA.
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48 **Section 18.** Each member of a local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues to the association as approved by a
49 two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting after having been given at least thirty (30) days written
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1 notice. The amount of such annual dues shall include the portions payable to the local unit, Virginia PTA
2 and the National PTA.

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4 **Section 19.** Any dissolution of a local unit and termination of its affairs shall take place in the following
5 manner:

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7 a. The executive board shall adopt a written resolution recommending that the local PTA/PTSA be
8 dissolved and directing that the question of such dissolution be submitted to a vote at a special
9 meeting of the general membership having voting rights at the time of the meeting;
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11 1. Only those funds approved by the general membership in the current budget year may be
12 spent. All other funds shall be frozen until the question of dissolution is decided;
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14 2. Written notice of the adoption of such resolution accompanied by a copy of the notice of
15 the special meeting of members shall be given to the president of Virginia PTA at least
16 thirty (30) days before the date fixed for such special meeting of the members;
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18 3. A complete membership list including contact information shall be provided to the state
19 office at least thirty (30) days before the date fixed for such special meeting of the
20 members;
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22 b. Written notice stating the purpose of such meeting to consider the dissolving the local PTA/PTSA
23 shall be given to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting. Such
24 meeting shall be held only during the academic year of the school involved
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26 c. A dissolution quorum must be met for the general membership of the local PTA/PTSA to consider
27 the resolution to dissolve. The dissolution quorum includes the required quorum for general
28 membership meetings per local unit bylaws plus a majority of the executive board members.
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30 d. Prior to the vote on dissolution, the president of Virginia PTA, or his/her designated representative,
31 shall be permitted to attend the meeting and shall be allowed to speak for a minimum of sixty (60)
32 minutes followed by a maximum of sixty (60) minutes question and answer session.
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34 e. Voting shall be by ballot.
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36 f. Only those persons who are members of the local PTA/PTSA on the date of adoption of the
37 resolution and who continue to be members on the date of the special meeting shall be entitled to
38 vote on dissolution.
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40 g. Upon adoption to dissolve, the unit's charter will be withdrawn by Virginia PTA in accordance with
41 state bylaws.

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43 **Section 20.** One (1) president shall preside over local PTA/PTSA associations as prescribed in its bylaws.

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45 **Section 21.** One (1) treasurer shall be responsible for all PTA/PTSA funds and finances.

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47 **Section 22.** A local unit is required to file a 990 or 990EZ per IRS regulations. A copy of the report filed
48 shall also be forwarded to the state office within fifteen (15) days of filing.

1 **Section 23.** The local PTA/PTSA fiscal year shall begin and end as designated in the bylaws with the
2 ending date the last day of a calendar month.
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4 5 6 7 **#ARTICLE VI: AUDITING PROCEDURES** 8

9 **Section 1.** An auditing committee or a professional auditor shall be selected by the executive board prior
10 to the end of the fiscal year. An auditing committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members and no
11 one with signature authority shall sit on the auditing committee.
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13 **Section 2.** The local unit treasurer shall submit the books to the auditing committee or the professional
14 auditor at the end of the fiscal year. The audit report shall be submitted in writing to the executive board
15 prior to finalization of the proposed budget for the coming school year.
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17 **Section 3.** The executive board of a local PTA shall, upon resignation of the treasurer during a term, select
18 an auditing committee or a professional auditor within one (1) week of the resignation. The audit shall be
19 performed with fiscal year end auditing procedures and shall be completed within three (3) weeks of the
20 resignation. This audit shall not be performed in lieu of the year-end audit.
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22 **Section 4.** The newly elected treasurer shall not undertake any banking responsibilities of that office with
23 the exception of depository duties, reconciliation of bank statements, change of signatory or other clerical
24 duties not requiring signatory until the audit is presented to the executive board.
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26 **Section 5.** All audit reports shall be presented to the general membership for adoption. The fiscal year-
27 end audit report shall be presented to the membership for adoption at the first general membership meeting
28 held after the completion of the report. A copy of the fiscal year-end audit shall be sent to the state office
29 within thirty (30) days following the adoption of the audit by the membership.
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31 **Section 6.** Local units shall forward to the state office each year, within fifteen (15) days of filing, a
32 copy of their Form 990N, 990, or 990EZ as required per IRS regulations.
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34 **#ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES** 35

36 **Section 1.** Every individual who is a member of this PTA/PTSA is, by virtue of that fact, a member of the
37 National PTA and of the Virginia PTA by which this PTA/PTSA is chartered and is entitled to all the
38 benefits of such membership.
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40 **Section 2.** Membership in this PTA/PTSA shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes
41 in and supports the mission and purposes of National PTA.
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43 **Section 3.** This PTA/PTSA shall conduct an annual enrollment of members but may admit persons to
44 membership at any time.
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46 **Section 4.** Each member of this PTA/PTSA shall pay such annual dues to said association as may be
47 prescribed by the association. The amount of such dues shall include the portion payable to the Virginia
48 PTA (the "state portion") and the portion payable to the National PTA (the "national portion").
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1 **Section 5.** Only members of this PTA/PTSA shall be eligible to vote in the business meetings of this
2 PTA/PTSA or to serve in any of its elected or appointed positions.
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4 **Section 6.** The amount of the state portion of each member's dues shall be determined by the Virginia
5 PTA. The Virginia PTA portion of each member's dues shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per annum. The
6 national portion of each member's dues shall be two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per annum.
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8 **Section 7.** The state and national portions of the dues paid by each member of this PTA/PTSA shall be set
9 aside by this PTA/PTSA and remitted to the Virginia PTA through such channels and at such times as the
10 state bylaws may provide. Each state PTA shall pay to the National PTA the amount of the national portion
11 of dues paid by all members of local PTAs in its area.
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13 **Section 8.** Each member of a local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues to the association as approved by
14 two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting after having been given at least thirty (30) days' notice.
15 The amount of such annual dues shall include the portions payable to the local unit, the Virginia PTA and
16 the National PTA.
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18 **Section 9.** PTAs with students in secondary schools shall offer membership to students.
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20 **Section 10.** All memberships received during the fiscal year ending June 30 shall expire the following
21 October 31.
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23 **Section 11.** A person may hold membership in one (1) or more local PTA units upon payment of all-
24 inclusive dues as required in each local unit bylaws.
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26 **Section 12.** Payment of State and National Dues
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- 28 a. The state and national portions of the dues paid by each member of a local PTA/PTSA
29 shall be the property of the Virginia PTA and National PTA, respectively, and shall not
30 be included in the local unit's budget.
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- 32 b. Membership dues shall be remitted to the treasurer of the Virginia PTA at the Virginia
33 PTA office on or before December 1. Additional membership dues received after
34 December 1 shall be remitted to the Virginia PTA treasurer on or before March 1.
35 Membership dues received after March 1 shall be remitted to the Virginia PTA treasurer
36 on or before June 30.
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- 38 c. A list of members who joined the association during the reporting period shall be kept by
39 the local unit and submitted to the Virginia PTA.
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41 **Section 13.** Honorary Life Membership in the Virginia PTA may be conferred for distinguished service,
42 for which a fee shall be paid to the treasurer of the Virginia PTA. This fee shall be deposited in the special
43 Life Membership-Scholarship Fund of the Virginia PTA. Honorary Virginia Life Membership entitles a
44 recipient to attend the State Annual Meeting as a non-voting participant without payment of the registration
45 fee.
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47 **Section 14.** National PTA Life Achievement Award may be conferred for distinguished service, for which
48 a fee shall be paid to the treasurer of the National PTA for the Endowment Fund of the National PTA. The

1 National PTA Life Achievement Award provides only National Convention guest privileges upon payment
2 of the convention registration fee.

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4 **Section 15.** A holder of a National PTA Life Achievement Award or Virginia Honorary Life Membership
5 may be an active member only upon payment of dues in a local PTA/PTSA unit.
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7 8 **ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION** 9

10 **#Section 1.** Each officer of this PTA/PTSA shall be a member of this PTA/PTSA.
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12 **#Section 2.** Only members whose individual dues are paid to this association for the current fiscal year
13 shall be eligible to hold office, to serve on the executive committee, the executive board, a standing or
14 special committee or to serve as a delegate to the council or district.
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16 **Section 3.** Officers and their election:
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18 a. The officers of this association shall consist of:
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20 #1. One (1) president;
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22 2. Two (2) vice president(s);
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24 3. A recording secretary;
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26 #4. One (1) treasurer.
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28 b. Officers shall be elected by ballot in the month of May or June. However, if there is but
29 one nominee for office, election for that office may be by voice vote. A majority of the
30 votes cast shall constitute an election.
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32 c. Officers, except the treasurer, shall assume their official duties following the close of the
33 meeting in June. The Treasurer shall assume his/her official duties upon the completion of
34 the auditing process. Officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successors
35 are elected.
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37 d. A person shall not be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same
38 office, *except the Treasurer may serve a total of four (4) consecutive terms (each term subject to*
39 *the prior year's audit being presented to the executive board).* A person who has served in an
40 office for more than one-half (1/2) of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term
41 in such office
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43 **Section 4.** Nominating committee:
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45 a. There shall be a nominating committee composed of three (3) members who shall be
46 elected by this PTA/PTSA at a regular meeting at least two (2) months prior to the election
47 of officers. The committee shall elect its own chairman.
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- 1 b. The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled and
2 report its nominees at a regular meeting no less than thirty (30) days prior to the election
3 meeting. At the election meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor.
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5 c. Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated
6 for or elected to such office.
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8 **Section 5.** Vacancies:
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10 A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority
11 vote of the executive board, notice of such election having been given as prescribed in Article XI, Section 4.
12 In case a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the first vice-president shall automatically become
13 president and serve notice of the election to fill the vacancy in the office of first vice-president.
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15 **ARTICLE IX: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**
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17 **Section 1.** The president shall:
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- 19 a. Preside at all meetings of the association;
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21 b. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned by the
22 association;
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24 c. Be a member ex officio of all committees except the nominating committee;
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26 #d. Submit local unit officers' form and verification of the local unit's employer identification
27 number (EIN) to the state office immediately upon the election of officers and no later than
28 June 15 annually;
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30 e. Coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the association in order that the
31 purposes may be promoted.
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33 **Section 2.** The vice president(s) shall:
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- 35 a. Act as aide(s) to the president;
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37 b. In their designated order, perform the duties of the president in the absence or inability of
38 that officer to act;
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40 c. The first vice-president shall serve as programs chairman. The second vice-president
41 shall serve as membership chairman.
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43 d. Perform other delegated duties as assigned.
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45 **Section 3.** The recording secretary shall:
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- 47 a. Record the minutes of all meetings of the association;
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49 b. Keep the official copy of the local unit's bylaws in his/her files;

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2 #c. Maintain a membership list as required by the Virginia PTA;
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4 d. Perform other delegated duties as assigned.
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6 **Section 4.** The treasurer shall:
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8 a. Have custody of all the funds of the association;
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10 b. Keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures;
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12 c. Make disbursements as authorized by the president, executive board, or association in
13 accordance with the budget adopted by the association;
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15 #d. Remit by December 1 to the Virginia PTA state office, state and National PTA dues for
16 memberships received prior to December 1. Remit by March 1, dues received after
17 December 1 and remit by June 30, all state and National dues received after March 1.
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19 #e. Have checks or vouchers signed by two (2) officers, preferably the treasurer and the
20 president;
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22 f. Present a written financial statement at every meeting of the association and at other times
23 when requested by the executive board;
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25 g. Prepare an annual financial report at the close of the fiscal year;
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27 #h. Have the accounts examined according to the auditing procedures outlined in Article VI;
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29 #i. When a local unit is required to file a 990 or 990EZ per IRS regulations, a copy of the 990
30 or 990EZ report shall also be forwarded to the state office upon its completion;
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32 #j. Submit a copy of the fiscal year-end audit to the state office within thirty (30) days
33 following the adoption of the audit by the membership;
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35 k. Perform other duties as assigned.
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37 **Section 5.** All officers shall perform the duties outlined in these bylaws and those assigned from time to
38 time. Upon the expiration of the term of office or in case of resignation, each officer shall turn over to the
39 president, without delay, all records, books, and other materials pertaining to the office.
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41 **ARTICLE X: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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43 **Section 1.** The executive committee shall consist of the elected officers of the association and the principal
44 of the school.
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46 **Section 2.** Duties of the executive committee shall be:
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- 48 a. To develop goals for the association for presentation to the executive board and general
49 membership for approval;

1 **Section 5.** Regular meetings of the executive board shall be held during the school year, the time to be
2 fixed by the board at its first meeting of the year. A quorum of the executive board members shall be a
3 majority of the members of the board then in office. Special meetings of the executive board may be called
4 by the president or by a majority of the members of the board, ten (10) days' notice being given.
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6 **Section 6.** The executive board shall reserve the right to vote on business via electronic vote. Only the
7 president shall have the authority to call for an electronic vote and to establish the guidelines for that vote.
8 The established quorum of the executive board shall prevail. Results must be recorded in the minutes and
9 ratified at the next executive board meeting.
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11 **ARTICLE XII: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

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13 **Section 1.** Regular meetings of the association shall be held at least nine (9) times during the school year,
14 unless otherwise provided by the association or by the executive board, ten (10) days' notice having been
15 given.
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17 **Section 2.** Special meetings of the association may be called by the president or by a majority of the
18 executive board, ten (10) days' notice having been given.
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20 **Section 3.** The election meeting shall be held in May or June.
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22 **Section 4.** Ten (10) members, as defined in Article V, Section 11, shall constitute a quorum for the
23 transaction of business in any meeting of this association.
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25 **Section 5.** Voting on routine matters may be by voice vote; however, motions requiring a two-thirds (2/3)
26 affirmative vote (e.g., votes on bylaws) shall be by a rising vote or show of hands by verified members of
27 this PTA/PTSA.
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29 **ARTICLE XIII: COMMITTEES**

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31 **#Section 1.** Only members of this association shall be eligible to serve in any elected or appointed
32 positions.
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34 **#Section 2.** Only current members of the association shall serve as a member of a standing or special
35 committee.
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37 **Section 3.** The executive board may create such standing committees as it may deem necessary to
38 promote the purposes and carry on the work of the association. Standing committee chairmen and
39 committee members shall be appointed by the elected officers. The term of each chairman shall be one (1)
40 year or until the selection of a successor. No chairman shall be eligible to serve in the same capacity for
41 more than two (2) consecutive terms.
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43 **Section 4.** The executive board may create such special committees as it may deem necessary or as may
44 be directed by the association. Special committee chairmen and committee members shall be appointed by
45 the elected officers. The term of each special committee chairman is ended upon completion of the task
46 assigned to the committee.
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1 **Section 5.** The chairman of each standing and special committee shall present a plan of work to the
2 executive board for approval. No committee work shall be undertaken without the consent of the executive
3 board.
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5 **Section 6.** The quorum of any committee shall be a majority of its members.
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7 **Section 7.** The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating
8 committee.
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10 **Section 8.** Committee chairmen shall turn over to the president, without delay, all records, books and other
11 materials pertaining to the committee at the end of the term served or when departing office.
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13 **ARTICLE XIV: COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

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15 **Section 1.** Selection of delegates
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- 17 a. The association shall be represented in meetings of the Fairfax County Council of Parent-
18 Teacher Associations by the president or alternate, the principal or alternate, and by one (1)
19 delegate(s) or alternate(s). All representatives to a council must be members of a local unit.
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21 b. Delegates and alternates shall be appointed in August or September.
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23 c. Delegates to the Fairfax County Council of PTAs shall serve for a term of one (1) year or
24 until the selection of a successor.
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26 **Section 2.** This association shall pay annual dues as prescribed in council bylaws to the Fairfax Council of
27 PTAs.
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29 **Section 3.** Responsibilities of delegates:
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- 31 a. Delegates shall report activities of the council to the local unit and shall present to the
32 council such matters as may be referred to it by the local unit.
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34 b. Delegates shall vote on all issues as instructed by their association; but if not instructed,
35 they shall use their own discretion, except as provided by council bylaws.
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37 **#ARTICLE XV: DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP**

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39 **Section 1.** This PTA/PTSA shall be a member of the district designated by the Virginia PTA. This
40 PTA/PTSA is in the Northern Virginia District of the Virginia PTA.
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42 **Section 2.** The district shall act as liaison between the Virginia PTA and local units, to coordinate policies
43 and current programs of local units with those of the Virginia PTA, and shall submit votes cast by local unit
44 members in their respective districts for the Proposed Legislation Program to the Legislation Committee
45 chairman for tabulation.
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47 **Section 3.** Local units are entitled to be represented at the Annual District Meeting and the District
48 Legislation Workshop by the president or alternate and three (3) other voting delegates. If the membership

1 is larger than one hundred (100), there shall be one (1) additional delegate for each fifty (50) memberships
2 or major fraction thereof.
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4 **Section 4.** PTA delegates for the district shall report activities of the district to their associations and shall
5 present to the district such matters as may be referred to it by their associations. Delegates shall vote on all
6 issues as instructed by their associations; but if not instructed, they shall use their own discretion.
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9 **#ARTICLE XVI: FISCAL YEAR**

10 The fiscal year of this PTA/PTSA shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.
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14 **# ARTICLE XVII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**
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16 The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the
17 National PTA and its constituent associations in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are
18 not in conflict with the Bylaws of the Virginia PTA, and the Bylaws of the National PTA, or the articles of
19 incorporation.
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22 **#ARTICLE XVIII: LOCAL UNIT BYLAWS REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS**
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24 **Section 1.** Bylaws shall be reviewed and amended with the following procedures:
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- 26 a. A committee shall be appointed to submit a revised set of bylaws as a substitute for existing
27 bylaws or to submit an amendment to current bylaws.
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- 29 b. Bylaws shall be revised or amended at a regular meeting of the association provided notice
30 and a copy of the proposed bylaws revision or amendments are provided to the membership
31 at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the revision or the amendments are to
32 be voted upon. A quorum shall be established at the meeting in which voting takes place.
33 The revision or amendments are subject to approval by the Virginia PTA Bylaws
34 Committee. The proposed bylaws revision or amendments require a two-thirds (2/3) vote
35 of the members present and voting.
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- 37 c. Submission of amendments and revised bylaws for approval by the State PTA shall be in
38 accordance with the bylaws or regulations of the Virginia PTA.
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- 40 d. Each local PTA shall include in its bylaws provisions corresponding to the provisions of
41 such of the bylaws of the Virginia PTA as are identified by the state symbol #.
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- 43 e. The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the Bylaws of the Virginia PTA
44 identified by the number symbol (#) shall serve automatically and without requirement of
45 further action by the local PTA to amend correspondingly its bylaws. Notwithstanding the
46 automatic character of the amending process, the local PTA shall promptly incorporate
47 such amendments in its respective bylaws.
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1 **Section 2.** The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the Bylaws of the National PTA shall serve
2 automatically and without the requirement of further action by the local PTA to amend correspondingly the
3 bylaws of each local PTA. Notwithstanding the automatic character of the amending process, the local
4 PTAs shall promptly incorporate such amendments in their respective bylaws.
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7 **#ARTICLE XIX: APPROVAL OF BYLAWS**
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9 The bylaws of this association shall be submitted to the State Office every five (5) years for approval by the
10 Virginia PTA Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Board of Managers.
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13 **# Required by the Virginia PTA**