1	(Insert Name of Local PTA/PTSA)	
2	PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION BYLAWS	
3	ARTICLE I	
4 5	Name	
6	The name of this nonprofit association shall be the (name selected)Parent Teacher	
7	(Student) Association (PTA/PTSA), (your town), Texas. It is a Local PTA organized under the authority of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers (Texas PTA), a branch of the National Congress	
8 9	of Parents and Teachers (National PTA). The assigned Texas PTA ID number is	
10	ARTICLE II	
11	Purposes	
12 13	Section 1. The purposes of <i>(name)</i> PTA, in common with National PTA and Texas PTA, are:	
14 15	A. to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship;	
16	B. to raise the standards of home life;	
17	C. to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth;	
18 19	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; and	
20 21	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.	
22 23 24 25	Section 2. The purposes of the National PTA, the Texas PTA and this Local PTA are promoted through an advocacy and educational program directed toward parents, teachers, and the general public; developed through conferences, committees, projects and programs; and governed and qualified by the basic policies set forth in Article III.	
26 27 28	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 referred to as "Internal Revenue Code").	
29 30	Article III Basic Policies	
31	The following are basic policies of this Local PTA, in common with National PTA and Texas PTA:	
32	A. The association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.	
33 34 35 36	B. The association shall work with the schools and community to provide quality education for all children and youth, and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process establishing school policy, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education, state education authorities, and local education authorities.	

- C. The association shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth, and shall seek to promote collaboration among parents, schools, and the community at large.
 - D. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.
 - E. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by an association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - F. Upon the dissolution of this association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one (1) or more nonprofit funds, foundations or organizations which have established their tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are in accordance with those of National PTA.
 - G. The association or members in their official capacities shall not, directly or indirectly, participate or intervene (in any way, including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office, or devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise.

57 Article IV 58 Relationship with Texas PTA

- 59 **Section 1.Organization.** This Local PTA shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Texas PTA, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws, as the
- 61 Texas PTA may in its bylaws prescribe. The Texas PTA shall issue to this Local PTA an appropriate charter
- 62 evidencing the due organization and good standing of this Local PTA.
- 63 Section 2.Expectations. This Local PTA shall adhere to the Standards of Continuing Affiliation. A Local
- 64 PTA which is not in good standing is not eligible for participation in Texas PTA awards, scholarship and
- 65 programs or voting representation at National PTA's Convention and Texas PTA's Annual Meeting.
- 66 **Section 3.Harm to Brand or Name**. Texas PTA may withdraw the charter of a Local PTA with notice given
- 67 to the Local PTA leadership if, in the opinion of Texas PTA, the Local PTA is jeopardizing or endangering
- the good will or good name of Texas PTA.

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- Section 4.Withdrawal of Charter. This Local PTA is obligated, upon withdrawal of its charter by the
 Texas PTA, to:
- A. yield up and surrender all of its books, records, assets and property to the Texas PTA or to such association as may be designated by the Texas PTA;
 - B. cease and desist from the further use of any name that implies or connotes association with the National PTA or the Texas PTA; and
 - C. carry out promptly, under the supervision and direction of the Texas PTA, all proceedings necessary for the purpose of dissolving this Local PTA.

- 77 Section 5.Records Retention. This Local PTA shall keep such permanent books of account and records
- 78 as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts and disbursements of the
- association including, specifically, the number of its members, the dues collected from its members and
- 80 the amount of dues remitted to the Texas PTA. Such books of account and records shall at all
- 81 reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized representative of the Texas PTA or the
- 82 National PTA.

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- 83 Section 6.Dissolution of PTA. A Local PTA considering dissolving its relationship with Texas PTA (and
- 84 thereby National PTA) shall follow the procedures for dissolution as adopted by the Texas PTA Board of
- 85 Directors. These procedures include but are not limited to:
 - A. notifying Texas PTA of the Local PTA's intent to dissolve;
 - B. a meeting with a representative of Texas PTA with the Local PTA executive board members, including the principal, to discuss the ramifications of dissolution and procedures;
 - C. a regular or special meeting of the membership with a representative of Texas PTA; and
- 90 D. a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present is required for dissolution, a quorum having been established.
- Any Local PTA failing to follow the procedures shall forfeit all Local PTA books, records and assets to Texas PTA.

94 ARTICLE V 95 Membership and Dues

Section 1.Members.

- A. Membership in PTA shall be open without discrimination to anyone who believes in and supports the mission and purposes of National PTA and Texas PTA.
- B. Every individual who is a member of this Local PTA is a member of the National PTA and the Texas PTA and is entitled to all the benefits of such membership.
 - C. The members of this Local PTA shall be the individual members who have paid dues for the current membership year.
 - D. The membership year shall be August 1 July 31. Members joining between March 16 and July 31 are considered to be members for the remainder of the current membership year and through the end of the following membership year.
 - E. Only members of this Local PTA who have paid dues for the current membership year may participate in the business of the association and be eligible to serve in any elected or appointed position.
 - F. This Local PTA may admit individuals to membership at any time.
- G. Members of this Local PTA are recognized as members of Texas PTA and National PTA when membership rosters and dues are received by Texas PTA.

112 Section 2.Dues.

A. Annual dues for each member shall be ______for the local portion of dues plus state dues as determined by Texas PTA and national dues as determined by National PTA.

115 116	В.		is Local PTA shall remit a membership roster and the national and state portions of the dues id by each member of this Local PTA to the Texas PTA as required by Texas PTA.
117	Section	n 3.1	exas PTA Honorary Life Members.
118 119	A.		honorary life membership may be granted to any deserving individual by the Local PTA upon ceipt of payment to Texas PTA.
120 121	В.		honorary life membership does not authorize the right to vote or hold office without yment of the national and local portion of the dues.
122 123	C.		ch honorary life membership grants an exemption from paying the Texas PTA portion of the es at only one (1) Local PTA.
124 125			ARTICLE VI Officers
126	Section	n 1.E	Eligibility. Each officer shall be a member of this Local PTA prior to taking office.
127 128			Officers. The officers of this Local PTA shall be a president, (number) vice president(s), a a treasurer and a parliamentarian.
129 130 131 132 133	Section 3.Term of Office. Officers shall assume their official duties following the close of the school year and shall serve a term of one (1) year. PTAs that do not follow a traditional school year schedule shall designate a calendar year in standing rules. The elected officers shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. One who has served more than one-half (1/2) of a term shall be credited with having served that term.		
134 135 136 137 138	vacano electio than p	cy in on to resid	Vacancy in Office. All officer positions not filled by election become vacant. In the case of a the office of president, the vice president shall serve notice to the executive board of the fill the vacancy of the president and shall conduct the election. A vacancy in any office other dent shall be filled by an affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining members of the poard. In the interim, duties of any vacancy shall be assumed by the executive board.
139 140			Duties of Officers. The officers shall perform the duties as prescribed for the office in these the executive board in applicable state statutes, and in the parliamentary authority.
141	A.	Pre	esident. The president shall:
142 143		1.	coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the association in order that the Purposes may be promoted;
144 145		2.	confirm that a quorum is present at all meetings of the association before conducting business;
146		3.	preside at all meetings of the association;
147 148		4.	appoint the chair of each standing committee and special committee, subject to the approval of the executive board, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws;
149		5.	be authorized to sign on bank accounts, unless prohibited by terms of employment;
150		6	he authorized to sign contracts approved by the executive board:

151 7. be listed as the principal officer and be authorized to sign tax documents, unless prohibited 152 by terms of employment; 153 8. confirm the executive board has reviewed and the membership has adopted the Texas PTA 154 PTA/PTSA Records Retention Policy annually; 155 9. confirm that all executive board members have signed the Local PTA Ethics/Conflict of Interest 156 Policy; 10. appoint a member, subject to the approval of the executive board, who is not authorized to 157 158 sign on the bank account to open, review, initial and date each bank statement; 11. represent the Local PTA as a delegate to Council PTA (when the Local PTA is in membership 159 160 with Council PTA); 161 12. file with the Council PTA secretary the names of this Local PTA's delegates and alternates by the first regular Council PTA meeting and no later than October 1. A Local PTA joining the 162 Council PTA or making changes after October 1 shall submit any changes in writing prior to any 163 164 regular meeting in order to be eligible to vote; 165 13. confirm that all executive board members are graduates of Texas PTA Leader Orientation or have completed the course by October 15 after the election; 166 14. submit the names and contact information of the officers and chairs to the Texas PTA Office 167 by May 1 or within 30 days after Local PTA officer elections are conducted; 168 169 15. appoint the financial reconciliation committee, subject to the approval of the executive board; 170 and 171 16. serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating and financial reconciliation committees. 172 173 B. Newly-elected President. The newly-elected president, within thirty (30) days after the election 174 meeting, shall call a meeting of the newly-elected officers to: 1. appoint a parliamentarian, subject to the approval of the newly-elected officers; 175 176 2. appoint standing committee chairs, subject to approval of the newly-elected officers; and 177 3. conduct any other business as shall become necessary. C. Vice President. The vice president shall: 178 179 1. serve as aide-to-the-president; 2. (be in charge of ______); and 180 181 3. preside in the absence of the president. 182 or D. () Vice President. The vice president shall: 183 1. be in charge of (); and 184 2. preside in the absence of the president (in their designated order): 185 (Add additional letters as necessary for the number of vice presidents.) 186

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E. **Secretary.** The secretary shall:

188		1.	record and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the members and the executive board;
189		2.	send, or cause to be sent, notice of meetings of the members and of the executive board;
190		3.	be responsible for correspondence;
191		4.	collect and preserve documents relating to the history of the association;
192 193		5.	present a written report to the association as the official history to be adopted at the annual meeting;
194		6.	have a current copy of the bylaws;
195 196 197 198		7.	maintain the required documents of the association to include: Texas PTA Leader Orientation completion lists, records retention policy; adopted and signed ethics/conflict of interest policy, membership rosters (not to be released to outside interests), adopted plans of work, and completed student permission forms (if applicable);
199		8.	not be a member of the financial reconciliation committee.
200	F.		Treasurer. The treasurer shall:
201		1.	have custody of all the funds of the association;
202		2.	serve as the chair of the budget and finance committee;
203 204		3.	present a written and verbal financial report at executive board and association meetings and as requested by the executive board or association;
205 206		4.	maintain books of account and records including bank statements, receipts, budgets, invoices, paid receipts and canceled checks in accordance with the records retention policy;
207		5.	make disbursements in accordance with the budget adopted by the association;
208		6.	be authorized to sign on bank accounts;
209		7.	be authorized to sign tax documents, if the president is prohibited by terms of employment;
210		8.	present a preliminary annual report, i.e. budget to actual, at the last association meeting;
211		9.	complete and file all necessary tax documents; and
212		10.	present books of account and records to the financial reconciliation committee.
213	G.	Pa	rliamentarian. The parliamentarian shall:
214		1.	advise the presiding officer on questions of parliamentary procedure when asked; and
215		2.	vote only when the vote is by ballot.
216 217			ARTICLE VII Nominations and Elections
218	Section	1.N	Iominating Committee.
219			mposition. The nominating committee shall consist of members and
220 221	,	alte	ernate members. No individual shall serve as a member of the nominating committee for two consecutive terms. The president shall not serve as a member of this committee nor appoint

222 223		any member of this committee. Student members shall not constitute a majority of this committee.
224 225 226 227 228	В.	Election of Committee. The members of this Local PTA shall elect the members of the nominating committee at a regular association meeting prior to the election meeting. The election shall be by plurality vote. A vacancy on the nominating committee shall be filled by the alternate with the next greatest number of votes. The chair of the nominating committee shall be elected by the nominating committee.
229	C.	Duties. The nominating committee:
230 231		1. shall consider all candidates for elected positions whose submissions meet the requirements set forth by these bylaws and who have signified their consent to serve if elected;
232		2. may consider additional candidates during its deliberations; and
233		3. shall submit only one (1) name for each position to be filled.
234 235 236	D.	Report of the Nominating Committee. The report of the nominating committee shall be published to the membership through regular publicity channels at least seven (7) days before the election meeting.
237 238	Section meetin	2.Nominations from the Floor. Nominees from the floor shall be accepted at the election g.
239 240 241	month	of 3.Elections. Officers, with the exception of the parliamentarian, shall be elected by ballot in the of However, if there is but one (1) nominee for an office, election for that may be by voice vote.
242 243		ARTICLE VIII Meetings
244	Section	1.Regular Meetings. This association shall hold a minimum of three (3) meetings a year.
245	A.	Meetings of the association shall be held in the months of (list months)
246247248249250		time and date to be established by executive board. Five (5) days' notice shall be given if change of date is needed. The membership shall be notified through regular publicity channels of the date and time of all association meetings following the first meeting of the executive board at which time this schedule is determined.
251 252	В.	The association meeting held in <i>(month)</i> shall be the election meeting.
253254255	C.	The annual association meeting in <i>(month of last meeting of the year)</i> shall be for the purpose of receiving reports of officers and chairs and for any other necessary business.
256 257		2.Quorum. The quorum for the transaction of business in any association meeting shall be er of ten [10] or greater) members.
258	Section	n 3.Proxy Voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

259 260 261	execut	4.Special Meetings. A special meeting shall be called by the president or by a majority of the ive board, with at least three (3) days' notice giving the place, date, time and purpose of the meeting. No other business may be conducted.
262 263		ARTICLE IX Executive Board
264	Section	1.Composition. The members of the executive board shall be:
265	A.	the officers of the association;
266	В.	the principal of the school or the principal's representative appointed by the principal;
267	C.	(the chairs of standing committees); and
268 269	D.	(additional positions such as council delegate(s), the faculty/teacher representative(s)/liaison(s), historian, etc.).
270	Sectio	n 2.Eligibility. Executive board members shall:
271 272	A.	subscribe to, believe in and support the mission and purposes and policies of National PTA and Texas PTA;
273 274	В.	agree to join the association promptly, if not a current member at the time of election or appointment;
275 276	C.	receive no compensation from the association except reimbursement for reasonable expenses as set forth in PTA policies and procedures; and
277	D.	have served no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position.
278	Section	3.Student Members . For legal considerations, members under the age of 18 shall not:
279	A.	serve as president, first vice president, secretary or treasurer;
280	В.	serve as a signer on the bank account(s);
281	C.	serve as the member appointed to open, review, initial and date the bank statements; and
282	D.	hold a majority of the offices.
283 284		4. A Local PTA member shall not serve as a voting member of this executive board while yed by, or under contract to this Local PTA.
285	Section	5. Executive board members shall serve in only one (1) capacity.
286	Section	6.Board Duties. The duties of the executive board shall be to:
287 288	A.	transact necessary business in the intervals between association meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by the association;
289	В.	present a report at the regular association meetings;
290	C.	approve the Plans of Work of all officers and committee chairs;
291	D.	create standing and special committees;
292	E.	adopt the Texas PTA Local PTA/PTSA Ethics/Conflict of Interest Policy annually;
293	F.	review the records retention policy annually;

294 295	G.	prepare an annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year and submit to the association for adoption at the annual meeting;
296	Н.	approve routine bills within the limits of the budget; and
297	1.	fill vacancies on the board.
298	Section	7.Board Member Duties. The duties of each executive board member shall be to:
299 300	A.	be a graduate of the Texas PTA Leader Orientation or complete the course by October 15 after election or appointment;
301	В.	submit a written Plan of Work to the executive board for approval;
302	C.	have a current copy of the Local PTA bylaws;
303 304	D.	deliver to successor or the president all official materials within fifteen (15) days following the date on which the successor assumes duties;
305	E.	attend all meetings of the association;
306	F.	sign the ethics/conflict of interest policy, as adopted;
307	G.	abide by the policies and procedures as set forth by Texas PTA; and
308 309	H.	perform the duties outlined in these bylaws, governing documents and those assigned by the president.
310	Section	n 8.Meetings.
311 312	A.	Regular Meetings . Regular meetings of the executive board shall be held prior to each meeting of the association.
313 314 315	В.	Special Meetings . Special meetings of the executive board may be called by the president or by a majority of the members of the executive board with notice given in writing, including electronic mail, to each executive board member at least three (3) days before the meeting.
316	C.	Proxy Voting. There shall be no proxy voting.
317	D.	Quorum. A majority of the members of the executive board shall constitute a quorum.
318 319 320 321 322	E.	Emergency Voting. In an emergency situation, the executive board may vote by phone, email, or other electronic means if authorized by the president. Members shall have at least twenty-four (24) hours to cast their votes. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire executive board is required for adoption, and the vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the next regular meeting of the executive board.
323 324 325 326	Section 9.Removal and Resignation. Any executive board member may be removed from office with cause by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the executive board then in office. Any executive board member may resign at any time by delivering a written resignation to the Local PTA president or secretary.	
327 328		ARTICLE X Committees
329	Section	1.Committees. The executive board may create such standing and special committees as it may

deem necessary to promote the Purposes.

331 332	The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the financial reconciliation committee and nominating committee.		
333 334	Section 2.Term. Chairs shall assume their official duties following the close of the school year and shall serve a term of one (1) year.		
335	Section	n 3 . Only one (1) person shall be appointed to serve in any one (1) chair position.	
336 337		n 4 . No chair shall serve in the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms. One who rved more than one-half $(1/2)$ of a term shall be credited with having served that term.	
338	Section	n 5.Standing Committee Chairs. All standing committee chairs shall:	
339	A.	deliver to their successors or the president all official materials;	
340	В.	present a written Plan of Work to the executive board for approval;	
341	C.	have a current copy of the Local PTA bylaws; and	
342	D.	perform other duties as assigned by the president.	
343	Section	n 6.Proxy Voting. There shall be no proxy voting.	
344	Section	n 7.Quorum . The quorum of any committee shall be a majority of its members.	
345 346		ARTICLE XI Council Membership	
347 348 349 350	(This article applies only to Local PTAs holding membership in a Council of PTAs and shall correspond to the Council PTA bylaws. If the Local PTA is in Council PTA membership, this Article XI is necessary in the Local PTA bylaws. If the Local PTA is not in Council PTA membership, indicate "not applicable" and do not complete the blanks.)		
351	Section	n 1.Representation.	
352 353 354 355 356	A.	This Local PTA shall be represented in meetings of the Council of Parent Teacher Associations by the president or alternate, the principal or alternate and by delegate(s) or alternate(s). The number of delegates shall correspond with the number as stated in the Council PTA bylaws. All representatives to the Council PTA shall be members of t Local PTA they represent.	
357 358	В.	Delegates and their alternates shall be (elected by the membership; elected by the executive board; or appointed, subject to the approval of the executive board) by (month)	
359	C.	Delegates to Council of PTAs shall serve for a term of one (1) year.	
360 361 362	no late	n 2.Dues . This association shall pay annual dues to the Council of PTA er than October 15. The amount of dues shall correspond with the amount as stated in the il PTA bylaws.	
363 364		ARTICLE XII Texas PTA Annual Meeting	
365 366		ocal PTA shall be represented at the annual meeting of the Texas PTA by the president or nted alternate and additional accredited delegates.	

367 368	A.	All delegates from this Local PTA to the Texas PTA annual meeting shall be members of this Local PTA.
369 370	В.	Voting delegates and their alternates shall be (elected or appointed, subject to the approval of the executive board)
371 372		ARTICLE XIII Fiscal Accountability
373 374		n 1.Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of this association shall begin and end on the ng (Suggested dates: July 1-June 30)
375 376		a 2.Signers . Signers on the bank account shall not be related by blood or marriage and shall not in the same household.
377	Section	n 3.Financial Reconciliation.
378	A.	A financial reconciliation shall be performed:
379		1. at the end of the fiscal year;
380		2. when any authorized check signer is added or deleted on any bank account; and
381		3. at any time deemed necessary by the president or three (3) or more members.
382 383 384 385 386	В.	The president shall appoint, subject to the approval of the executive board, a financial reconciliation committee consisting of not less than three (3) members, who are not authorized signers. Members of the financial reconciliation committee shall not be the incoming treasurer or be related by blood or marriage and shall not reside in the same household as the authorized signers.
387 388 389	C.	For the financial reconciliation required at the end of the fiscal year, the president shall appoint the financial reconciliation committee at least thirty (30) days before the last meeting of the year.
390 391	D.	The financial reconciliation committee report shall be adopted by a majority vote of the association at the first regular meeting following the financial reconciliation.
392 393		ARTICLE XIV Parliamentary Authority
394 395 396	in all ca	les contained in the current edition of <i>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised</i> shall govern this PTA asses to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, and ner bylaws or rules adopted by National PTA and Texas PTA.
397 398		ARTICLE XV Amendment of Bylaws
399 400 401	quorur	1.Submission. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the association, provided a m is present, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting. Notice of each sed amendment shall be provided to the membership through regular publicity channels thirty

402 403	(30) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is voted upon or at the previous regular meeting. The amendment shall be subject to approval of the Texas PTA.
404 405 406	Section 2.Approval. After adoption at a meeting of the association, the bylaws and standing rules shall be submitted for approval to Texas PTA according to the policies and procedures of Texas PTA. Amended bylaws or standing rules go into effect when an approved copy is returned by the Texas PTA.
407 408	Section 2.Review. This Local PTA shall submit bylaws (and standing rules, if applicable) to the Texas PTA for review every five (5) years.
409 410 411	Section 3.Adoption . The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the bylaws by Texas PTA shall serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by the Local PTA to amend its corresponding bylaws.
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