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Dear PTA leaders,

Thank you for providing your time and leadership to help children reach their potential. We will need your leadership during 2010 -2011 to help every PTA accomplish the following:

- Get back to basics and use the **National Standards for Family-School Partnerships** to promote and strengthen family and community engagement.
- Participate in **Reflections** so students benefit from engaging in the arts.
- Provide parents and students with **healthy lifestyle tips** so children are fit to learn.
- **Double our membership** to 600,000 by asking every PTA member to ask one more person to join PTA and create a stronger voice for Georgia's children.
- Participate in the **Million Hours of Power campaign** by asking 350,000 men to dedicate three hours of their time to the health, education and well-being of children. Working with the National Center for Fathering, PTA has provided a tracking tool so you can log your hours and watch the campaign's progress toward 1 million hours. Visit the National PTA website.
- Help PTA increase its voice by submitting our members' contact information to Georgia PTA. We must be able to communicate and mobilize our members when there is a critical issue. To do this every local unit needs to **provide Georgia PTA with the contact info of our members**. This can be done by using the free and easy database management tool in your CAP account, which automatically updates a Georgia PTA membership account or through Justbetweenfriends.

During 2010-2011 we will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the unification of the two Georgia PTAs and the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Georgia PTA Reflections program. Please collaborate with other PTA leaders, your council, district and state leadership, parents, students, teachers, administrators and community leaders to provide the best programs and results for our children. Visit the Georgia and National PTA websites often and use the tools and resources provided to help you, our children and communities have a great year.

Those who attended Convention Leadership Training are off to a great start and have most of the tools needed to implement great programs, increase student success, parent involvement and membership. The next valuable opportunities for training are your respective Council's School of Information, District Fall Conferences and PTA Universities. Please contact your council or visit the Georgia PTA website for dates, times and locations. If you are unable to attend your council's training or you are not affiliated with a council, please contact the council nearest you. Our council and district leadership are elected by you to support the local unit. Georgia PTA and all its resources are available to you.

Together we will have an outstanding year and achieve our goals.

Sincerely,

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