

CALIFORNIA STATE PTA 2022 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



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A Message From Your President

I hope you enjoy this special edition of *PTA in California*. As we head into summer, it's exciting to reflect on the accomplishments of the year we are finishing up and look ahead with hope and optimism. No matter what challenges we face, we can never give up on our children.

Thank you for your commitment to the children and families in your communities. Thank you for being a member of the largest child advocacy association in the world and thank you for your flexibility, adaptability, and resilience as we continue to continue our mission to positively impact the lives of all children and families.

You are the power of PTA. Together we will continue to advocate for the health, safety, wellbeing and a quality education for every child. This is your kind of PTA because you—local leaders and members—decide what you want to focus on and how you want to PTA. We know PTAs across California are creating, sponsoring, and bringing important programs to our schools, children, families, and communities. We know families and schools are working together to improve and increase the family school partnership, and we know that when families and schools work together our students succeed. Thank you for all you do.

Our Convention gave us an exciting way to focus on some of the work we have done, to celebrate and connect, and to decide the direction we will head. We know not everyone was able to be with us in person, so we are excited to share convention with all of you. Adopting our Legislation Platform and a resolution on plant-based food options at school meals were exciting opportunities for our members to direct our organization. Celebrating our 125 year history was not only fun, but reminded us we have faced challenges before. Hearing from our teacher of the year and great guest speakers was inspiring, and learning about our membership growth gave us reason for optimism.

I hope you enjoy seeing the highlights of this year's Convention, that you will continue to support the children and families in your community, and that we will connect throughout the year as we work together for every child. It is my privilege to serve as your California State PTA President. My goal is to support you in your PTA journey. We are here to help, so please share the great things you are doing, the ways you are impacting kids in your area, and how you are advocating. We can do this together!

Thank you,

Carol Green

Carol Green, California State PTA President



Business of the Association

California State PTA delegates representing PTAs from around the state adopted a resolution and revisions to the organization's Legislation Platform at the 2022 Convention. Resolutions come from our members and call attention to a need for action on a particular issue. Adopted resolutions are a major source of authority for California State PTA and its units, councils, and districts in advocating for our children and families locally and at the state capitol. The Legislation Platform is a reflection of the priorities that guide our efforts to secure adequate laws to advance the welfare and protect the rights of our children, youth and families.

RESOLUTION: PLANT-BASED FOOD OPTIONS AT SCHOOL MEALS

The adoption of this resolution signals California State PTA's commitment to advocating for and encouraging school efforts to provide equitable access to nutritious meals, decrease detrimental health effects to children, and reduce negative impacts on climate change through food available at schools. California State PTA supports providing a plant-based meal option for all school meals offered.

If your unit, council or district would like to propose a resolution for Convention 2023, you can read about the process [here](#).

LEGISLATION PLATFORM

Recently adopted changes to California State PTA's Legislation Platform highlight the organization's commitment to creating inclusive and equitable schools and communities that honor diversity. Newly adopted priorities include advocating for a full and culturally responsive curriculum, elevating the student voice, ensuring access to broadband internet service, and requiring state and local government to disseminate information in the language(s) of the community it serves.

Want to learn more about the business of the association that was handled at the 2022 Convention? [Click here](#) to read the full resolution and Legislation Platform.





Connecting DAY ONE



Great to be together again!





Growing DAY TWO



Here we grow!





Inspiring DAY THREE





ANNA KING, NATIONAL PTA PRESIDENT

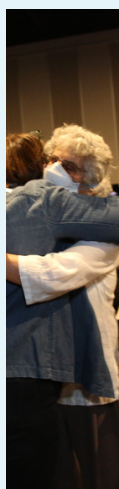
California State PTA President, Carol Green had the pleasure of introducing National PTA President, Anna King who delivered a heartfelt and passionate speech that was both inspiring and empowering as she reflected on our history, our mission, and brought us back to the the roots of our association in celebration of the 125th anniversary of PTA.

LORI WOODLEY LANGENDORFF, CEO, ALL IT TAKES

Lori is dedicated to providing practical and relevant resources to our youth and those who serve them, including essential emotional intelligence skills to help them successfully navigate their lives and support their communities. She engaged the Convention audience with exercises that demonstrated the impact people can have on each other and the connections that can be formed without even speaking a word.

ALONDRA DIAZ, TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Alondra's dedication to teaching is impressive and inspiring. Those who had the chance to hear her share her story were truly touched during the last General Meeting of Convention. California State PTA President, Carol Green presented Alondra with an Honorary Service Award as a small token of appreciation for all her work in educating and advocating for children.



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