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LOCAL UNIT BYLAWS

Georgia PTA Revised its Bylaws at Convention January 2009 – Georgia PTA Amended its Bylaws at Convention July 2009, June 2010, July 2011, April 2013, July 2014, June 2016, July 2018

Free Home Elementary

School Name

12525 Cumming Hwy

Street Address

Canton

City

GA

State

30115

Zip Code

Cherokee

County

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PTA District

217953

Local Unit #

Affirmation: These Bylaws were voted upon and passed at the general meeting of the Free Home ES PTA on (date) _____

Signed: _____
(PTA/PTSA President)

President's Name

Street Address

City State Zip Code

PTA Mission

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Approved

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1 **LOCAL UNIT BYLAWS**

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4 **ARTICLE I: NAME**

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6 The name of this association is the **Free Home ES PTA** Parents and Teachers Association, **Canton**, Georgia. It is a local
7 PTA/PTSA organized under the authority of the Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers, a branch of the National Congress of
8 Parents and Teachers (the National PTA).
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10 **#ARTICLE II: PURPOSES**

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12 **Section 1.** The purpose or purposes (Objects) which the local unit will hereafter pursue are:

- 13 a. To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community;
- 14 b. To raise the standards of home life;
- 15 c. To advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and
16 youth;
- 17 d. To promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth;
- 18 e. To engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of
19 all children and youth; and
- 20 f. To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding.

21 **Section 2.** The purposes of the PTA are promoted through an advocacy and educational program directed toward parents, teachers,
22 and the general public; developed through conferences, committees, projects, and programs; and are governed and qualified by the
23 basic policies set forth in Article III.

24 **Section 3.** The association is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the
25 meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code (hereinafter
26 “Internal Revenue Code”).
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28 **#ARTICLE III: BASIC POLICIES**

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30 The following are basic policies of National PTA and the Georgia PTA:

- 31 a. The association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan;
- 32 b. The association shall work with the schools and community to provide quality education for all children and youth
33 and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process establishing school policy, recognizing that the legal
34 responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education, state education authorities,
35 and local education authorities;
- 36 c. The association shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth and shall seek to promote
37 collaboration between parents, schools, and the community at large;
- 38 d. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members,
39 directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to
40 pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the
41 purposes set forth in Article II hereof;
- 42 e. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not
43 permitted to be carried on (i) by an association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the
44 Internal Revenue Code or (ii) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the
45 Internal Revenue Code;
- 46 f. Upon the dissolution of the association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the
47 association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit funds, foundations, or associations
48 that have established their tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose
49 purposes are in accordance with those of the National PTA; and
- 50 g. The association or members in their official capacities shall not, directly or indirectly, participate or intervene (in
51 any way, including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of, or in
52 opposition to, any candidate for public office; or devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting
53 to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise.
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55 **#ARTICLE IV: RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL PTA AND GEORGIA PTA**

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57 **Section 1.** This local PTA/PTSA shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Georgia PTA in the area in which this
58 local PTA/PTSA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws or the
59 Georgia PTA Bylaws.

60 **Section 2.** The Georgia PTA shall:
61 a. Provide appropriate procedures for the association of local PTAs/PTSAs within Georgia and prescribe the form and
62 content of the bylaws or other articles of association of such local PTAs/PTSAs; and
63 b. Issue to this local PTA/PTSA an appropriate charter evidencing the due association and good standing of this local
64 PTA/PTSA.

65 **Section 3.** A local PTA/PTSA in good standing is one that:
66 a. Adheres to the purposes and basic policies of the PTA;
67 a. Remits the state and national portion of the dues, on a monthly basis, to the state PTA. The state shall remit the national portion
68 to reach the national office by dates designated by the National PTA;
69 b. Has bylaws approved according to the procedures of each state;
70 c. Submits an annual audit report to the state office by the last business day of September;
71 d. Shall submit annually to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the appropriate Form 990 by the applicable IRS due date; and
72 e. Shall be in good standing with the affiliate council PTA per Article XIV, Section 2 of council bylaws, if applicable.

73 **Section 4.** The articles of association of this local PTA/PTSA include:
74 a. Bylaws of such association; and
75 b. Articles of incorporation of such association (in cases in which the association is incorporated).

76 **Section 5.** This local PTA/PTSA shall adopt such bylaws for the government of the association as may be approved by the Georgia
77 PTA. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws or the Georgia PTA Bylaws.

78 **Section 6.** The purposes and basic policies of National PTA shall in every case also be the purposes and basic policies of each
79 constituent association.

80 **Section 7.** Each member of the Board of Directors of this local PTA/PTSA shall be a member of this local PTA/PTSA.

81 **Section 8.** Voting by proxy, absentee ballot, telephone, fax, e-mail and text messaging by members of this local PTA/PTSA shall
82 be prohibited.

83 **Section 9.** A PTA member shall not serve as a voting member of this local PTA/PTSA board while serving as a paid employee of
84 or under contract to this local PTA/PTSA.

85 **Section 10.** The Georgia PTA may determine the membership year for the local PTAs/PTSAs within Georgia. Only members of
86 this local PTA/PTSA who have paid dues for the current membership year may participate in the business of this local PTA/PTSA.

87 **Section 11.** The members of the nominating committee for officers of this local PTA/PTSA shall be elected by the general
88 membership, and must be a member of this PTA/PTSA.

89 **Section 12.** This local PTA/PTSA shall keep such permanent books of account and records:
90 a. Sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts, and disbursements of the association;
91 b. Specifically including the number of its members, the dues collected from its members and the amounts of dues
92 remitted to the Georgia PTA; and
93 c. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized
94 representative of the Georgia PTA or by a duly authorized representative of the National PTA.

95 **Section 13.** Dissolution by Board of Directors and members of a Local unit:
96 a. The Board of Directors of this local unit shall notify Georgia PTA in writing of the proposed
97 dissolution meeting thirty (30) days prior to notifying each member.
98 b. The notice must state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider
99 dissolving the association per Georgia Code for nonprofits.
100 c. The proposal to dissolve shall be approved by 2/3 {two-thirds} of the general membership.

101 **Section 14.** The charter of this local PTA/PTSA shall be subject to withdrawal and the status of such association as a local
102 PTA/PTSA shall be subject to termination, in the manner and under the circumstances provided by the bylaws of the Georgia PTA.

103 **Section 15.** This local PTA/PTSA is obligated, upon withdrawal of this charter by the Georgia PTA:
104 a. To yield up and surrender all of its books and records and all of its assets and property to the Georgia PTA or to
105 such agency as may be designated by the Georgia PTA or to another local PTA/PTSA organized under the authority
106 of the Georgia PTA;
107 b. To cease and desist from the further use of any name that implies or connotes association with the National PTA or
108 the Georgia PTA or status as a constituent association of the National PTA; and
109 c. To carry out promptly, under the supervision and direction of the Georgia PTA, all proceedings necessary or
110 desirable for the purpose of dissolving this PTA/PTSA which includes the loss of the PTA's/PTSA's 501(c)(3)
111 status.

112 **Section 16.** This local PTA/PTSA shall include in its bylaws provisions corresponding to the provisions of state bylaws identified
113 by the number symbol (#).

114 **ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

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117 **#Section 1.** Every individual who is a member of this local PTA/PTSA is, by virtue of that fact, a member of the National PTA and
118 of the Georgia PTA by which this local PTA/PTSA is chartered, and is entitled to all the benefits of such membership.

119 **#Section 2.** Membership in each local PTA shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes in and supports the
120 Mission and Purposes of the National PTA.

- 121 **#Section 3.** This local PTA/PTSA shall conduct an annual enrollment of members but may admit individuals to membership at any
 122 time.
- 123 **#Section 4.** Each member of a local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues as may be determined by the association. The amount of the
 124 dues shall include the portion payable to the state PTA as determined by the state, and the portion payable to the National PTA as
 125 recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by 2/3 majority of the voting body at the National PTA annual convention.
- 126 **#Section 5.** The national portion of each member's dues shall be two dollars, twenty five cents (\$2.25) per annum.
- 127 **#Section 6.** The Georgia PTA portion of each member's dues shall be one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per annum.
- 128 **Section 7.** Each member of this local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues of **\$10.00** to said association. The amount of such annual
 129 dues shall include the portion payable to the Georgia PTA and the portion payable to the National PTA.
- 130 **#Section 8.** The state and national portions of the dues paid by each member of this local PTA/PTSA shall be set aside by this local
 131 PTA/PTSA and remitted to the Georgia PTA on a monthly basis. Each state PTA shall pay to the National PTA the amount of the
 132 national portion of dues paid by all members of local PTAs/PTSAs in its area.
- 133 **#Section 9.** The Georgia PTA does not allow family memberships.

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135 **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

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137 **Section 1.** The officers of this PTA/PTSA shall consist of:

- 138 • one (1) president or two (2) individual co-presidents;
- 139 • 2 vice president(s) or _____individual co-vice presidents *(designate officer's responsibilities and titles, if applicable); *
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- 141 • 1 secretary(ies) *(designate officer's responsibilities and titles, if applicable); and
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- 144 • a treasurer. (Georgia PTA does not approve co-treasurers).
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146 Please note: The Parliamentarian is not elected but is appointed by the President.

147 **#Section 2.** Each individual officer and individual co-officers shall have a vote.

148 **Section 3.** Officers shall be elected in the month of **April**.

149 **#Section 4.** The vote shall be conducted by ballot. When there is but one candidate for an office, the ballot for that office may be
 150 dispensed with and election held by voice vote. A majority vote shall be required for election.

151 **#Section 5.** The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of individuals to be officers of this PTA/PTSA:

- 152 a. Each officer shall be a member of this local PTA/PTSA;
- 153 b. No officer may be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
- 154 c. A person who has served in an office for more than one half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term
 155 in such office;
- 156 d. No member shall serve as a council president while serving as a local unit president; and
- 157 e. Be a natural person who is 18 years of age or older. Georgia Code for Non-Profits § 14-3-802

158 **Section 6.** Officers shall assume their official duties following the close of the school year and serve for a term of 1 year(s) or until
 159 their successor is elected.

160 **#Section 7.** A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the
 161 Board of Directors, notice of such election having been given to the Board of Directors. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of
 162 president, the first vice-president shall serve notice of the election.

163 **Section 8.** There shall be a nominating committee composed of 5 members (must be an uneven number) and 2 alternates who shall
 164 be elected by this local PTA/PTSA at a regular general membership meeting at least one month prior to the election of officers, as
 165 outlined in Article VI, Section 3.

- 166 a. All members of the nominating committee shall be a member of this PTA/PTSA.
- 167 b. The committee shall elect its own chair.
- 168 c. The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at
 169 the regular general membership meeting in **April** at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.
 (Note: Must be the same month in #ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION, Section 3)
- 170 d. Only those individuals who are current members of this local PTA/PTSA and who have signified their consent to
 171 serve if elected shall be nominated for, or elected to, such office.
- 172 e. The president is not eligible for election to the nominating committee.
- 173 f. The principal is eligible to serve if elected.

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175 **#Section 9.** The slate of proposed officers shall be posted in the school office at least ten (10) days prior to the election meeting.

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ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall:

- a. Preside at all meetings of this local PTA/PTSA;
- b. Serve as an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee;
- c. Coordinate the work of the officers and committees of this local PTA/PTSA in order that the purposes may be promoted;
- d. Appoint special committees, except the nominating committee;
- e. Have representatives at council, district and state functions;
- f. Pass on to the membership at each meeting news and information from state and national bulletins;
- g. Appoint a parliamentarian who shall serve at all Executive Committee, Board of Directors and general membership meetings. The parliamentarian shall not vote on any question except in case of a ballot vote;
- h. Be a signatory on all financial accounts of this PTA;
- i. Sign and execute all contracts, agreements or other obligations in the name of this PTA/PTSA as authorized by the Board of Directors; and
- j. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

Section 2. The vice president(s) shall:

- a. Act as aide(s) to the president;
- b. In their designated order perform the duties of the president in the president's absence or inability to serve; and
- c. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the president, the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The secretary shall:

- a. Record the minutes of each general, Executive Committee and board meeting of this PTA/PTSA;
- b. Read or distribute printed copies of the minutes of the previous meeting for approval;
- c. Maintain an accurate membership list as provided by the membership chair or committee;
- d. Have a current copy of the bylaws;
- e. Have minutes from previous meetings for reference at each meeting;
- f. Determine the presence of a quorum prior to any business being conducted;
- g. Call the meeting to order in the absence of the president and vice-president(s), unless the bylaws specify otherwise, and preside until a temporary chair is elected;
- h. Immediately upon the election of new officers, send a list of their names, addresses and phone numbers to the state PTA office, district director and council president (if applicable);
- i. Register their signature at the bank as an emergency signatory;
- j. Submit the names of the voting delegates and their alternates to the council PTA prior to the first council meeting, if local PTA/PTSA is a member of a council PTA; and
- k. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the president, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The treasurer shall:

- a. Have custody of the funds of this local PTA/PTSA;
- b. Maintain a full account of the funds of this local PTA/PTSA;
- c. Make disbursements as authorized by the president, or Board of Directors of this local PTA/PTSA in accordance with the budget adopted by this local PTA/PTSA;
- d. Have checks or vouchers signed by two people: the treasurer and one other person. Individuals authorized to sign checks shall not be related to each other by marriage or any other relationship;
- e. Never sign a blank check;
- f. Pay all bills by check – never by cash;
- g. Ensure deposits from fundraisers and other sources of income are made the next business day. Never deposit funds of this PTA in a personal or school account;
- h. Always issue a receipt for cash received;
- i. Maintain a full and accurate account of the receipts and disbursements in the books belonging to this PTA/PTSA;
- j. Be prepared to answer all questions promptly and to have records available at all meetings;
- k. Provide a written financial statement at each meeting of the general membership, Board of Directors and Executive Committee;
- l. Present an annual report of the financial condition of the association;
- m. Have the accounts examined annually at the end of the school year or upon the change of treasurer by an auditor or auditing committee of not fewer than three members;
- n. Not sign checks for this PTA after the books are closed for audit;
- o. Report the findings of the annual audit to this PTA/PTSA no later than the first general meeting of the new school year;
- p. Determine the gross receipts for the previous fiscal year and file the appropriate federal tax form(s) with the IRS;

- 242 q. Reconcile the bank statements monthly and have the statements reviewed, signed and dated by a PTA member. This
243 PTA member shall not be related to the treasurer by marriage or any other relationship; and
244 r. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or
245 directed by the president, the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee.
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247 #ARTICLE VIII: THE PTA AUDIT

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249 **Section 1.** The PTA audit is a financial review that involves following financial transactions through records to be sure that
250 receipts have been properly accounted for and expenditures made as authorized in the minutes and in conformity with PTA/PTSA
251 bylaws and budget limitations.

252 **Section 2.** The purpose of an audit is:

- 253 a. To certify the accuracy of the books and records of the treasurer; and
254 a. To assure the membership that PTA/PTSA resources/funds are being managed in accordance with the Georgia
255 PTA financial policies and procedures.

256 **Section 3.** An annual audit shall take place at the end of the school year and a copy submitted to the state office by the last business
257 day of September. An additional audit shall also be performed upon vacancy of the treasurer's position before the new officer
258 assumes his or her duties, or upon the request of a member of this PTA/PTSA, an officer of council, district or state.

259 **Section 4.** An auditor or auditing committee of no fewer than three (3) members shall be selected by the Board of Directors no
260 later than two weeks prior to the end of the school year. An auditor or auditing committee member shall not be related to any
261 signees on the checking account by marriage or any other relationship.

262 **Section 5.** The annual audit report shall be given to this PTA/PTSA no later than the first general membership meeting of the new
263 school year.

264 **Section 6.** The annual audit report must be signed, dated and included in the minutes of the secretary.

265 **Section 7.** The outgoing officers cannot sign checks for this PTA/PTSA after the books are closed for audit.

266 **Section 8.** During the audit process it is recommended that expenditures within an adopted budget be limited to those of an
267 emergency nature.
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269 #ARTICLE IX: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

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271 **Section 1.** Any action regarding the process for removal from office shall not be conducted by videoconference or teleconference.

272 **Section 2.** Request for removal

- 273 a. Any member of this local unit can request that an elected officer be removed from office. A written request for the
274 removal of any officer must be sent to all members of this local unit Executive Committee and the Georgia PTA
275 President, and shall state the reasons for removal.
276 b. Within seven (7) days of receiving the written request for removal from office, this local unit Executive Committee
277 shall meet to determine by 2/3 vote whether or not to hold a hearing based solely upon the information presented in the
278 written request.
279 c. This local unit Executive Committee shall communicate its decision in writing within three (3) days to the member who
280 submitted the request, to this local unit Board of Directors and to the Georgia PTA President. A copy of the original
281 request for removal shall be attached to the board copy.

282 **Section 3.** Hearing

- 283 a. Prior to a vote for removal from office, the elected officer is entitled to a hearing before this local unit Board of
284 Directors.
285 b. A hearing for the removal of an officer shall be held within seven (7) days of the decision to hold a hearing.
286 c. The elected officer must be notified by registered mail at least three (3) days prior to the hearing. If the elected official
287 fails to appear, that individual's rights for a hearing are forfeited.
288 d. The President of the Georgia PTA shall appoint a representative of the Georgia PTA Board of Directors to conduct the
289 hearing.
290 e. Based upon information presented at the hearing, the board may, by 2/3 vote, recommend removal from office.

291 **Section 4.** Action

292 After the hearing of this local unit Board of Directors, any recommendation for removal from office must be submitted to the
293 membership for action at the next general meeting. An officer may be removed by 2/3 vote of the membership present and voting, a
294 quorum having been established.
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296 ARTICLE X: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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298 **Section 1.** The affairs of this PTA/PTSA shall be managed by the Board of Directors in the intervals between local unit
299 PTA/PTSA general membership meetings.

300 **#Section 2.** Each board member shall be a member of this local PTA/PTSA.

301 **Section 3.** The members of the board shall be:

- a. Elected officers;
- b. Chairpersons of standing committees;
- c. The principal of the school or a representative appointed by the principal; and
- d. Appointed parliamentarian.

Section 4. Duties of the Board of Directors shall be to:

- a. Transact such business as may be referred to it by the membership of the association;
- b. Create or dissolve special committees;
- c. Present a report at the regular general membership meetings of this local PTA/PTSA;
- d. Select an auditor or an auditing committee to audit the treasurer's accounts;
- e. Prepare and submit an annual budget to this local PTA's general membership for adoption;
- f. Approve payment of routine bills within the limits of the approved budget;
- g. Fill all vacancies in office; and
- h. Conduct hearings for removal from office.

#Section 5. If any standing committee chairperson shall at any time cease to meet the qualifications or fulfill the duties of the position, that person may be removed from the board by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Regular meetings of the board shall be held with the date and time to be fixed by the board at its first meeting of the year. Three (3) days' notice shall be given of a cancellation or change of date or time unless emergency conditions prevent such notice being given. Meetings by videoconference or teleconference are permitted with the following provisions:

- a. The meeting must be conducted by a technology that allows all participants simultaneous communication;
- b. A quorum must be achieved and maintained in order to conduct business;
- c. Speakers must identify themselves;
- d. Minutes of the meeting must be taken and ratified at the next regular board meeting;
- e. An election to fill a vacancy in office shall not be conducted by videoconference or teleconference; and
- f. Any action regarding the process for removal from office shall not be conducted by videoconference or teleconference.

Section 7. Special meetings of the board may be called by the president or when requested by a majority of the board members upon three (3) days' written notice to each member of the board.

#Section 8. At all meetings of the board, a majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#Section 9. Upon the expiration of the term of office or when individuals cease to hold the position that entitles them to be a member of the board, they shall automatically cease to be a member of the board and shall be relieved of all duties and responsibilities incident to such membership. All records, funds, books and other materials pertaining to the position shall be relinquished to the president within fourteen (14) days.

ARTICLE XI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee of this PTA/PTSA, the members of which shall be:

- a. All elected officers;
- b. The principal or representative appointed by the principal; and
- c. Appointed parliamentarian.

Section 2. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held with the date and time to be fixed at its first meeting of the year. Three (3) days' notice shall be given of a cancellation or change of date or time unless emergency conditions prevent such notice being given. Meetings by videoconference or teleconference are permitted with the following provisions:

- a. The meeting must be conducted by a technology that allows all participants simultaneous communication;
- b. A quorum must be achieved and maintained in order to conduct business;
- c. Speakers must identify themselves;
- d. Minutes of the meeting must be taken and ratified at the next regular committee meeting; and
- e. Any action regarding the process for removal from office shall not be conducted by videoconference or teleconference.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the president or upon written request of a majority of the Executive Committee members within three (3) days' notice to each member of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. Duties of the Executive Committee shall be to:

- a. Transact business referred to it by the board;
- b. Determine standing committees necessary to promote the purposes of this PTA/PTSA;
- c. Appoint standing committee chairpersons and members;
- d. Receive plans of work from committee chairpersons and approve them before their use is authorized;
- e. Act in emergencies between meetings of the board;
- f. Make a report at each board meeting; and
- g. Appoint delegates and alternates to attend the council PTA meetings, if PTA/PTSA is a member of a council PTA.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall take no action in conflict with any action taken by the general membership or the Board of Directors.

363 **ARTICLE XII: STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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365 #Section 1. Only members of this local PTA/PTSA shall be eligible to serve in any elective or appointive positions.

366 Section 2. The Board of Directors may create or dissolve such special committees as it may deem necessary to promote the
367 purposes of PTA/PTSA and carry on the work of this local PTA/PTSA.

368 Section 3. The term of office of a committee chairperson shall be 1 year(s) or until the selection of a successor.

369 Section 4. The chair of each committee shall present a plan of work to the Executive Committee for approval. No committee work
370 shall be undertaken without the approval of the Executive Committee.

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373 **ARTICLE XIII: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

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375 #Section 1. At least three (3) regular meetings of this PTA/PTSA shall be held during the school year. Dates and times of meetings
376 shall be determined by the Executive Committee and announced at the first regular meeting of the year. Three (3) days' notice shall
377 be given of a cancellation or change of date or time unless emergency conditions prevent such notice being given. Meetings
378 conducted by videoconference or teleconference shall be prohibited.

379 #Section 2. Special meetings of this local unit PTA/PTSA may be called by the president or by a majority of the Board of Directors,
380 three (3) days' notice having been given.

381 Section 3. The election meeting shall be held in April. (Must be the same month as in #ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS AND THEIR
382 ELECTION, Section 3 and Section 8c.)

383 #Section 4. The last regular meeting of this PTA/PTSA shall be known as the annual meeting for annual committee reports and the
384 installation of officers.

385 #Section 5. The privilege of making motions, debating and voting shall be limited to members of this PTA who have paid dues for
386 the current membership year.

387 Section 6. 15 members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of this local PTA/PTSA.

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389 **ARTICLE XIV: COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

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391 Section 1. This local PTA/PTSA shall be represented in meetings of the Cherokee County Council of PTAs by the president, or
392 their alternate, the principal, or their alternate, and by two (2) delegates or their alternates. Names of the voting delegates and their
393 alternates shall be submitted to the council PTA prior to the first council meeting.

394 Delegates or their alternates to the council PTA shall:

- 395 a. Be members of this local PTA/PTSA
- 396 b. Be appointed by the Executive Committee; and
- 397 c. Serve for a term of one (1) year.

398 Section 2. a.. Meet the requirements of in good standing with Georgia PTA per Article IV, Section 3 of these bylaws
399 and b. Pay annual dues as assessed by the council, as provided in the council bylaws, Article VI, Section 5, if applicable.

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402 **ARTICLE XV: GEORGIA PTA CONVENTION**

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404 Section 1. Each local association in good standing; that has forwarded its state and national portion of membership dues as
405 shown on the books of the state office, has submitted an annual audit report to the state office by the last business day of September
406 and has approved bylaws on file shall be entitled to be represented at the annual state convention by its president and one (1) other
407 officer, or their alternates, and one (1) delegate for every fifty (50) paid members recorded in the state office on the statistical report
408 generated as of the tenth (10th) day of March each year.

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410 Section 2. Funds for convention expenses shall be included in the budget of this PTA/PTSA.

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412 **ARTICLE XVI: FISCAL YEAR AND IRS FORM(S)**

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414 Section 1. The fiscal year of this PTA/PTSA shall begin on June 1 and end on the following May 31.

415 Section 2. The fiscal year is:

- 416 a. A twelve month period used for filing the appropriate 990; and
- 417 b. Registered with the IRS when the first 990 is filed.

418 Section 3. All PTAs/PTSAs are required to file a 990N, or 990EZ regardless of gross receipts. The appropriate 990 is due the 15th
419 day of the 5th month after the close of the fiscal year. (Failure to file a 990 for three (3) consecutive years will result in the loss of tax
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#ARTICLE XVII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern this PTA/PTSA and in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with these bylaws, the National PTA Bylaws, the Georgia PTA Bylaws, or the articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE XVIII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular general membership meeting of this PTA/PTSA with the following provisions:

- a. Articles and sections of these local unit bylaws identified by a number symbol (#) may not be amended or revised;
- b. Notification of the proposed amendment(s) has been provided to the membership thirty (30) days prior to voting;
- c. A two-thirds vote is required, a quorum being present; and
- d. The amendment(s) shall become effective upon receipt of approval from the Georgia PTA.

#Section 2. The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the Georgia PTA Bylaws identified by a number symbol (#) shall automatically amend the bylaws of the local PTAs/PTSAs to conform to the action taken by the state convention.

Section 3. Each local PTA/PTSA shall receive from the Georgia PTA an updated version of its local unit bylaws which shall include any recent amendments adopted by the Georgia PTA convention delegates.

Section 4. In the event that a revised set of bylaws is required by the Georgia PTA and there are no changes in the local PTA/PTSA information stated in the current bylaws, the thirty (30) day waiting period is waived.