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The Pennsylvania PTA has announced that its 105th annual statewide convention will take place April 4-6, 2014, at the Radisson Valley Forge/King of Prussia. Delegates from local PTA units, councils, and regions throughout the state will gather to give direction to the State PTA on issues of resolutions, bylaws, and timely topics being addressed around education and child advocacy.

The convention format will include a Diversity Leadership Conference, a Town Hall Meeting on Suicide Awareness and Prevention, twenty (20) workshops on timely issues, networking time with other delegates, an exhibit hall, a Reflections Gallery showcasing student artwork, and the opportunity to hear keynote speakers and representatives from the National PTA and other statewide partnering organizations from Pennsylvania. Complete details for registration may be obtained at the Pennsylvania PTA website at www.papta.org.

Deborah Dunstone, Peckville, PA, who serves as State President (2013-2015) and will preside throughout the convention recently said, "As part of the National PTA which is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the nation, the PA PTA is the conscience of children and youth issues. Through advocacy, as well as family and community education, members will be engaged in workshops and activities that continue to keep the PTA mission strong and give it the ability to advocate for all children. Our doors are open to all who want to focus on Pennsylvania's children, especially their health, safety, and the prospect of a quality public education in this state. We plan to elevate the parents' voices—the voices of diverse parents—in all aspects of education."

Wanda Mendez, East Stroudsburg, PA, is serving as Convention Chairman and a member of the State PTA Board of Managers. She has guided convention preparations and has worked with the entire State Board of Managers to make the experience productive for all delegates. "This convention is centered on a theme of *Oh, the Places You'll Go, Let PTA Take You There*," said Ms. Mendez, "and delegates will have the opportunity to celebrate the successes of PTA and set the future path of the association."

Holly Feldman, Pottstown, PA, is serving as Local Convention Coordinator and has worked with a host of volunteers and donors to make the upcoming convention rewarding.

Note: A complete press media kit is available upon request, in both hard copy and electronic format.

About Pennsylvania PTA

Pennsylvania PTA is a non-commercial, non-sectarian and non-partisan organization chartered under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a non-profit organization, it works with its 60,000+ statewide members to promote the health and welfare of children and youth and seeks to promote collaboration among parents, schools, and the community at large. It has been a strong advocate for public education since its founding in 1899.