

# PROGRAM

## 2021 NYS PTA LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

February 27, 2021, 9:00AM-12:00PM



### **Welcome Address:**

- Dana Platin, NYS PTA President
- Dr. Betty Rosa, Commissioner of Education

### **Presentation of Susanne Smoller Commitment to Advocacy Youth Award**

*Miriam Oke, Monroe-Woodbury High School, Central Valley, NY, Award Winner*

- Dana Platin, NYS PTA President and Lucille Vitale, NYS PTA Vice President, Presenters

### **Workshop: *Digital & Technology Access & Equity***

- Shelley Mayer, Senator
- Dr. Kimberly Wilkens, Deputy Commissioner
- Amy Hysick, NYS PTA Education Coordinator

### **NYS PTA Issue Briefs**

#### *School Aid and State Budget Issues*

- Kyle Belokopitsky, NYS PTA Executive Director
- Peter Applebee, NYSUT Education Finance & Federal Programs Manager
- Brian Cechnicki, Association of School Business Officials of NY Executive Director

#### *Mental Health*

- Dr. Robert Rotunda, NYS School Counselor Association Executive Director
- Kim Blasiak, NYS PTA Outreach Coordinator

#### *Digital and Technology Equity*

- Amy Hysick, NYS PTA Education Coordinator
- Lissa Zukoff, NYS PTA Special Education Specialist

#### *Opposition to the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana*

- Dr. Amany Messieha Dgheim, NYS PTA Vice President
- Sarah Henris, NYS PTA Legislation Coordinator
- Patrice Rachlin, NYS PTA Resolutions Coordinator
- Susan Fisher, NYS PTA Juvenile Protection Specialist

### **Training: Taking Action with NYS PTA Breakout Groups**

- Youth Advocates
- First-time NYS PTA Lobby Day Advocates
- Experienced NYS PTA Lobby day Advocates

### **Closing remarks**