

REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Supporting the Well-Being of All Children

128th Annual Convention

November 15-17, 2024 | Saratoga Hilton and City Center

2024 NYS PTA 128th Annual Convention

Dear PTA Members,

On behalf of the Governance Team of New York State PTA, it gives us great pleasure to invite you to the NYS PTA 128th Annual Convention in Saratoga, New York, November 15-17, 2024. Please join us at one of our favorite convention locations, the Saratoga Hilton and City Center, where you, our esteemed members, will take part in the annual business of our association. First timer or seasoned delegate, you are an essential component contributing to the success of NYS PTA. Convention will bring the purpose and scope of the work of PTA into focus for you. It will energize and inspire you, help you grow as a leader, and improve your communication skills. Convention will give you great ideas to increase membership and member participation to strengthen the work you plan to accomplish. Convention will provide the opportunity for you to elevate your understanding of complex issues and sharpen your advocacy tools to improve the education, health, and well-being of all children.

Convention provides PTA members the opportunity to:

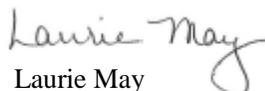
- Foster relationships and share experiences and best practices with other volunteer-minded delegates
- Develop new connections and tools to advocate for children and families locally and statewide
- Elect new NYS PTA officers
- Vote on bylaws that govern our State association
- Adopt new resolutions, and retire, retain, or update existing resolutions that have been long held by our association as the framework of our advocacy efforts
- Hear from dynamic, inspirational and oftentimes, moving keynote speakers
- Participate in motivating and informative workshops that will give you additional tools and resources for your PTA, increase your understanding of complex education issues, broaden your view, build your confidence as a leader, and inspire you to advocate on behalf of all children in your school and community
- Visit the exhibitor showcase, with great giveaways, and shop at our PTA Store for yourself and for gifts to recognize your volunteers
- Enjoy an amazing and memorable experience!

The 2024 NYS PTA Convention theme is "Supporting the Well-Being of All Children." Now more than ever we need to focus on solutions that address the mental health needs of our students and those involved in their lives. Joining in community at this convention gives us the opportunity to learn what the needs are and how, together, we can move this conversation and advocacy forward. Our children are our future, and we are committed to investing all that we can to make their future bright and healthy, filled with possibilities and promise.

We look forward to seeing you at the Saratoga Hilton and City Center, November 15-17. It takes a village and, with your participation, we continue to make every child's potential a reality – Every Child with One Voice.

Sincerely,


Amany Messieha Dgheim
NYS PTA President


Laurie May
2024 Convention Coordinator

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Convention Schedule at a Glance

Friday, November 15

2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Exhibitor Hall Open
PTA Store

2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Registration/Information
First Timers' Table

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dedicated Exhibitor time

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Workshop Session 1

5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Dinner: A Celebration of
Literacy Event

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

General Session I

Saturday, November 16

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast: General
Breakfast: NYS Pride PTSA
Annual Meeting

7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Registration/Information
First Timers' Table
PTA Store

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Exhibitor Hall Open

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Dedicated Exhibitor time

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Workshop Session 2

10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

General Session II

12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dedicated Exhibitor time

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch: General
Lunch: President to Presidents

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dedicated Exhibitor time

3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

General Session III

5:15 p.m.

First Timers Photo

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Banquet

9:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Post-Banquet Celebration with DJ

Sunday, November 17

7:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast: Empire State PTSA
Annual Meeting

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast: General

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Workshop Session 3

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

General Session IV: Fireside Chat

11:30 a.m.

Convention concludes

NOTE: Hotel checkout time is 11:00 a.m. The front desk can hold your luggage until your departure at the conclusion of Convention.

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Betty A. Rosa ***Commissioner of Education & President of*** ***the University of the State of New York***

Dr. Betty A. Rosa is the Commissioner of Education and President of the University of the State of New York. Dr. Rosa was appointed as Commissioner on August 11, 2020, by the Board of Regents where she had served as the Chancellor.

Dr. Rosa is a nationally recognized education leader and received an Ed. M. and Ed. D. in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from Harvard University. She also holds two other Master of Science in Education degrees, and a B.A. in psychology. She has more than 30 years of instructional and administrative experience with an expertise in inclusive education, cooperative teaching models, student achievement, and policy implementation.

Dr. Rosa began her career in the NYC Department of Education as a bilingual paraprofessional, teacher, and reading coordinator, served as an assistant principal and principal in special education, introduced an integrated linguistic model in developing a multilingual and multicultural school for general and special education populations, was principal of I.S. 218, a full-service community school in partnership with the Children’s Aid Society in District 6, and developed and implemented the Office of Conflict Resolution for the NYC Division of Special Education. In 1998, Dr. Rosa was appointed to the position of Superintendent of Community School District 8 in the Bronx and later appointed to serve as the Senior Superintendent of the Bronx.



Zachary Arenz ***2024 New York State Teacher of the Year***

The Board of Regents named Zachary Arenz, a music teacher at Flower City School Number 54 in Rochester, as the 2024 New York State Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Arenz embodies the power of the arts. He inspires students and positively impacts their social emotional development as well as their academic skills by ensuring his students enjoy learning through music. In addition to his traditional music classes, he also teaches ensembles and instrumental lessons and has developed a music enrichment program for students who are experiencing grief. Mr. Arenz is not only a model leader for his students but also a dynamic example of excellence and motivation for his colleagues.

Before teaching at Flower City School Number 54, Mr. Arenz taught classroom music in Sweden to students in grades 7-9 and mentored students in grade 9 to prepare for high school and career opportunities by creating academic and social goals. He holds several music and arts certificates, as well as a certificate in therapeutic crisis intervention for schools.

He leads the school’s growth in this area and facilitates school-wide assemblies to nurture those relationships. Beyond traditional courses, Arenz has built a music enrichment program – using grant money he was awarded – for students who are experiencing grief. His classroom includes a closet full of clean clothes and toiletries his students can access if they need.

Over the years, his classroom has become known by students and colleagues alike as a safe place where children can go when they need to talk, manage emotions or just take a break in a judgement-free zone. He’s known for conducting daily check-ins with students as he welcomes them off the bus each morning before they start their school day. Arenz boils down his teaching philosophy to “establishing places where folks feel safe, communication is encouraged and anyone is welcome to express their truest self.”



Keynote Speakers (continued)

Dr. Ann Marie Sullivan, MD ***Commissioner, NYS Office of Mental Health***

Dr. Sullivan has served as Commissioner for the New York State Office of Mental Health since 2014. As Commissioner, she has guided the expansion of community-based treatment, reinvesting over 100 million dollars in community services and enabling individuals living with serious mental illness to live successfully in their community.

Major initiatives have included the integration of physical, mental health and substance use in care and treatment, integrating prevention, wellness and the social determinants of health in service delivery, reducing disparities in care and enhancements in the criminal justice system that divert individuals living with mental illness from jails and prisons and prevent their return. She has also overseen statewide expansion of critical programs including Zero Suicide, First Episode Psychosis Teams, crisis intervention services and school-based clinics. Working closely with all mental health providers and health plans, she guided the movement of the health benefit for the seriously mentally ill into managed care.

She previously served as Senior Vice President for the Queens Health Network of New York City Health and Hospitals, and Director of Psychiatry at Elmhurst and Queens Hospitals where she developed comprehensive inpatient and ambulatory psychiatric service system that includes specialty Asian and Hispanic services, comprehensive youth programs, comprehensive substance use services and Mobile outreach and school-based programs.

Dr. Sullivan grew up in Queens, New York. She graduated from New York University Washington Square College and New York University School of Medicine. She completed her Psychiatric Residency at New York University/Bellevue Hospital.

Dr. Sullivan has taught, lectured, and published on best practices in community care and is an active advocate for her patients and her profession. She is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and has served as the Speaker of the American Psychiatric Association's Assembly and on its Board of Trustees. She is a Clinical Professor at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, and a member of the American College of Psychiatrists.



Yvonne Johnson ***President, National Parent Teacher Association***

Yvonne Johnson is the 58th president of National PTA and serves to support the mission and vision of PTA on behalf of all children. She is committed to being intentional with PTA's effort to be more inclusive, diverse and equitable and will focus the association on strengthening family and school partnerships.

Johnson's passion is advocacy. Her personal motto is, "Never underestimate the power of a parent's voice!" She has worked closely with elected officials and decision-makers for years, making a difference in the lives of all children. Johnson has successfully assisted in passing many education bills in Delaware and received the National PTA 2014 Shirley Igo Award for leading a grassroots advocacy campaign around inclusive classrooms in a local school district.

During her term as National PTA vice president of advocacy, Johnson was the directing arm of all advocacy issues and served as the voice for families around education issues. In 2021, she and the Legislation Committee hosted National PTA's first ever virtual legislative conference and led the effort to form the Public Policy Platform for the 117th Congress. Johnson is the recipient of various recognitions for her work with the Delaware General Assembly including resolutions and proclamations presented to her by the governor and lieutenant governor—as well as the Delaware Senate and House of Representatives—for her advocacy work around education issues.



Convention Information

Workshops

There are three workshop sessions scheduled.

Workshop Session 1: Friday, 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Workshop Session 2: Saturday, 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Workshop Session 3: Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Pre-selection is requested to allow for ample seating. The earlier you register, the better your opportunity will be to receive your choice of workshops. Every effort is made to accommodate your first choice of workshop.

Exhibitors and Sponsors

Please take this opportunity to visit and thank our exhibitors and sponsors - their participation is vital to the success of our convention! In-person Exhibitor hours: Friday 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Virtual Exhibit Hall will be housed on the NYS PTA website following Convention 2024, and remain open for one calendar year.

PTA Store

You will find exciting new items along with your old favorites such as pins, mugs, totes and PTA apparel. Our staff of volunteers will be happy to assist you. All purchases are payable by check, cash, or credit card. (Please remember PTA checks require two (2) signatures.) PTA Store hours: Friday 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (closed Sunday).

IF (Invest in the Future) Table

Visit NYS PTA Past Presidents at the "Invest in the Future" table. Funds from your donations will directly support our mission to "make every child's potential a reality" by helping to ensure the continuance of our programs, advocacy efforts and services, and, most importantly, support our students and children.



Information and First Timers

If this is your first state Convention, our Information and First Timers' sections on the NYS PTA Convention webpage is where you can visit to get your questions answered. Once checked in at registration, don't miss the First Timers' table on Friday 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; and a group First Timers photograph following General Session III on Saturday.

Friday Dinner – A Celebration of Literacy

A Celebration of Literacy will include award presentations of the NYS PTA Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) winner, the Student Literacy Contest announcement (sponsored by Fidelis) and the Unit Literacy Grant (sponsored by Fidelis).

President to Presidents Luncheon

If you are a Unit or Council President and wish to participate in the President to Presidents Luncheon on Saturday, please be sure to register accordingly. NYS PTA President Amany Messieha Dgheim, joined by National PTA President, Yvonne Johnson, will connect with local Unit/Council Presidents at lunch and answer your questions. *You must be pre-registered and a Unit/Council President to attend this luncheon.*

Banquet and Award Recognitions

Join us Saturday evening for Dinner, Award Recognitions, and Post-Dinner DJ party. The Banquet on Saturday is included with some registration packages, or may be purchased a la carte with other registration packages.



Workshops: Friday, November 15, 2024

Session 1: 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

101 Get to Know Robert - He Rules!

Delve into the essential principles of parliamentary procedure, a cornerstone of effective meetings and decision-making processes. From Robert's Rules of Order, participants will gain insight into the key concepts governing orderly and fair discussions, decision-making, and voting procedures. Whether you're a novice or seeking a refresher, this presentation equips you with the foundational knowledge to confidently participate in parliamentary proceedings and contribute meaningfully to organizational governance.

102 Membership Fitness!

Let's get your PTA in shape for the second half of the membership year! We will talk about strategies that other PTAs have had success with; we will look at some unique membership items you can create in Givebacks; and, of course, it wouldn't be a membership workshop without sharing resources, ideas and best practices!

103 Reflections: Advancing to Your Region/National PTA

Now that you've started your Reflections Program, join us as we go over the nuts and bolts of getting your entries submitted to your Region and to National PTA. Let the competition begin!

104 The PTA and the Principal, Superintendent, and School Board

National PTA President Yvonne Johnson will share best practices on engaging school principals, district superintendents and school board members. Learn strategies for building these relationships and sustaining a foundation to include the value of working with your PTA.

105 PTA Leadership Beyond Elementary: Thriving in the Next Chapter

Transitioning from elementary to middle and high school, PTA leadership can feel like uncharted territory. In this engaging session, we'll explore the unique challenges and opportunities that come with leadership in these new environments. Learn strategies for effective communication, community building, and advocacy tailored to older students and their families. Whether you're stepping into a new leadership role or looking to refine your approach, this session will provide the roadmap you need to navigate and thrive beyond elementary school.

106 Region Resources

This workshop will start with a brief history of NYS PTA and its regions. Next, we will highlight success stories from different regions to show the impact of region directors' contributions. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of the RDs and share their accomplishments. Finally, we will discuss goals units are striving for but finding challenging to reach.

107 Teens and Healthy Relationships *(CTLE credit available)*

This workshop will address the under-recognized issue of domestic violence among teens, affecting nearly 1.5 million high school students annually. Participants will learn to recognize the red flags of teen dating violence, understand its severe impact, and discuss ways to help teens establish safe boundaries and awareness of healthy and unhealthy relationship behaviors. This workshop emphasizes the importance of addressing abusive patterns early in life to prevent future interpersonal violence.

108 National PTA Programs - A Great Opportunity to Support the Work of Your PTA

While funding is not needed to run many National PTA Programs, it can certainly be a great benefit! Come learn about the many ways that National PTA is able to support your PTA in executing programs through our various grant opportunities. Whether your local PTA has received funding from National PTA before or if you are learning about our funding for the first time, this session will help you get prepared to apply for upcoming opportunities. Implementing programs from National PTA doesn't have to be scary; let us show you how!

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Workshops meeting CTLE criteria are indicated in the workshop description. Educators attending CTLE workshops will be sent necessary documentation from NYS PTA after Convention.

Workshops: Saturday, November 16, 2024

Session 2: 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

201 Resolving Conflicts: Keeping the "Personal" Out of PTA

The words and actions, especially of leaders, matter when it involves our children. The work that PTA does can bring out the best, but sometimes the "not so best" in us. No matter the topic, the many aspects of a message from a leader can have various effects on a unit's success. Discuss different types of communication skills from in-person to social media and a fresh perspective.

202 The Next Chapter: Membership at the Middle, Junior, and High School Levels

PTA is a different (but still exciting!) experience at the Secondary Level. This workshop will focus on Membership Engagement and Marketing Strategies to help you, not only boost PTA/PTSA memberships at your schools, but also find ways to engage students and stakeholders in a meaningful way.

203 From Vision to Creation: Crafting PTA Success with Canva and ChatGPT

Take your PTA leadership skills to the next level with this hands-on, interactive workshop. You will learn how to turn your ideas into reality using Canva and ChatGPT. This workshop will guide you through creating engaging visuals, presentations, and communications that resonate with your school community. Please come with some basic knowledge of Canva and attendees must bring a laptop with access to Canva and ChatGPT. Get ready to unleash your creativity and leave with the tools to make your PTA initiatives shine!

204 Trauma Informed PTA – How to Support Students in Foster Care and Families

Experiencing Homelessness *(CTLE credit available)*

As the largest child advocacy organization, PTA has a responsibility to advocate for every child. This presentation will bring to light the often-overlooked student populations - those in foster care and those experiencing homelessness. It will guide us on how we can better advocate for these students in our community and how we can make our PTA messaging and programming more inclusive.

205 Family Matters - When Self Care is Easier Said than Done

Parents, guardians, and siblings of children with special needs all deserve support and understanding from their communities. They also require practical ways to care for their own needs. In this workshop we will share resources for SEPTA/SEPTSA units to support all different kinds of families. We will share methods to help caregivers and siblings feel valued and recharged.

206 For the Love of Reading *(CTLE credit available)*

Let's talk about and learn ways to continue to promote the love of reading at home. Learn how to promote and engage the love of reading at home through traditional and non-traditional ways!

207 President to President Chat – Let's Talk DEI

Join NYS PTA President Amany Messieha Dgheim, National PTA President Yvonne Johnson, and NYS PTA Diversity Coordinator Brenda Cardoza for a casual Q and A session to guide and empower you. This workshop will help you as a PTA leader learn positive ways to promote and support Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in your unit, school and community. *This workshop is for unit and council presidents only.*

208 PTA Healthy Minds

PTAs are perfectly positioned to help families and communities make mental health an everyday priority. This workshop provides programming guidance and materials to help your PTA understand the mental health needs of families, identify relevant resources to share, how to partner with school administration, and how to host PTA's Healthy Minds program for your school community.

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Workshops: Sunday, November 17, 2024

Session 3: 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

301 Hot Topics in Education *(CTLE credit available)*

New standards? No more Regents exams?? What exactly is the Blue Ribbon Commission??? If your head is spinning with all of the recent changes to the educational landscape, come and get some clarity on the changes and what they might mean for you, your kids, and our schools.

302 AI: Learning Goes Both Ways

There are many developments occurring with AI right now, both the good and the concerning. On one end, it can be an incredibly useful tool: summarizing data, aiding with assets for presentation and projects, and making it easier to find answers to questions. However, with putting personal data online (especially social media), plagiarism, and the potential for scams, it is critical that parents, kids (and everyone) understand the policies and the risk that comes with AI.

303 Recipe for Building a Competent Board

Your board members matter. Learn the basics of building a board with diverse skills, opinions, and experience. We will examine the essential ingredients for the most effective board.

304 Be Part of the Conversation

At the core of PTA is advocacy. PTA members routinely meet with educators, school administrators, Board of Education members, local/region/state representatives, and other educational stakeholders. Learn how to be part of the conversation by creating, joining, and strengthening relationships to become part of the conversation at every level: local, region, state and federal.

305 Embracing Healthy Living

Join us for an enlightening workshop on healthy living where we will explore how to create a sustainable and health-conscious lifestyle. We will discuss Eco-Friendly Homes, Green Schools, and Mindful Personal Choices. Whether you're looking to make small changes at home, influence green practices in schools, or adopt healthier habits for yourself, this workshop will provide some practical tips and actionable insights for everyone and how to advocate for stronger regulations and policies. Embrace a healthier, more sustainable lifestyle today.

306 How Your Wiring Colors Your Communication

Did you know that your temperament affects what you say, how you listen, and how others hear you? Understanding the temperament framework will change the way you look at and speak to others from now on. You will learn a history and overview of the four temperaments; the strengths and weaknesses of each temperament; how temperament affects what you say and what you hear; and tips for helping people collaborate instead of collide.

307 Why PTA?

Join NYS PTA Past President/National PTA Board Member Dana Platin and National PTA President Yvonne Johnson as they take you on a deep dive into the mission and values of PTA. Through discussion and activities, we will see how PTA and our members live out both and what makes PTA important.

308 How to Receive an Appropriate IEP For Your Child *(CTLE credit available)*

In this workshop Tully Rinckey Education Attorney, Nicholas A. Marricco, will provide a detailed workshop on how parents of special education students in New York can receive an appropriate IEP for their child. Mr. Marricco will explain the following: When should Parents request an IEP? How should Parents request an IEP? What happens after Parents request the IEP? How to read and understand the evaluation reports of your child. How to prepare for the CSE meeting. Who to bring to your CSE meeting. How to advocate for yourself in the CSE meeting. What to do after the CSE Meeting. How to challenge the IEP if it is not appropriate.

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Elections and Voting 2024

NYS PTA Bylaws Article XVI

Section 4.

- a. Each local PTA in good standing as of September 1, 2024, shall be entitled to be represented at the Annual Convention by its president or alternate and one (1) delegate.
- b. Local PTAs with a membership of over one hundred (100) shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each additional one hundred (100) members or a major fraction thereof as shown on the books of the New York State PTA as of June 30, 2024.
- c. Each council in good standing as of September 1, 2024, shall be entitled to be represented by its president or alternate.

Section 5.

- a. Each Region PTA shall be entitled to be represented at the annual convention by its region director or alternate.
- b. Each region shall be entitled to six (6) additional voting delegates who shall be region board members. The selection of these six (6) delegates shall be governed by the region accrediting such delegates.

NYS PTA Bylaws Article VIII

Section 10.

- j. The proposed nominating committee's candidate slate shall be posted on the NYS PTA website by June 1. Additional nominations may be made by the membership at large, provided that written consent of the nominee has been secured. A copy of the qualifications of any candidate to be nominated by the membership at large must be received by the chair of the nominating committee (nominations@nyspta.org) by **September 15**.

NYS PTA Bylaws Article VIII-Officers: Elections and Vacancies (as it pertains to eligibility for office)

Section 6.

To be eligible for election as an officer, except for the office of President, a member shall have served at least two (2) years on the Board of Directors of the New York State PTA OR shall have served at least one (1) year on the Board of Directors and at least two (2) years as a Region Director or Specialist.

Section 7.

To be eligible for the office of president of the New York State PTA a person shall have served at least one (1) year on the Executive Committee of the New York State PTA and two (2) years on the Board of Directors exclusive of service on the Executive Committee for a total of three (3) years of service.

Section 8.

No person under the age of 18 years shall be eligible to serve in the office of president, (recording) secretary, or treasurer.

Election of NYS PTA Officers

Voting delegates participate in the election of the leadership of our state PTA. All candidates must be formally nominated at Convention either by the Nominating Committee or from the floor. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following candidate slate of officers:

President Patricia Frazier
1st Vice President..... Joan Wabnik
Vice President..... Patrice Rachlin
Secretary Jennifer Collazo

The nominating committee received an additional nomination from the floor by the September 15th deadline.

PresidentAmany Messieha Dgheim

Hotel Reservation Information

Hotel reservations are to be made on your own (under the NYS PTA room block) at Saratoga Hilton using the hotel booking link (below). Reserve before October 10, 2024, at the room rate of \$165/night (two night minimum), or \$199/night for one night only, per standard room (not per person). Availability of rooms cannot be guaranteed after October 10.

Parking is available at the hotel at a reduced rate of \$10 per car, per day.

Saratoga Hilton

534 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Hotel Phone Number: 518-693-1002

Check in: 3:00pm; Check out: 11:00am

Online hotel reservations:

- 2 night minimum (\$165/night): <https://book.passkey.com/go/NYSPTA20242Nights>
- 1 night only (\$199): <https://book.passkey.com/go/NYSPTA20241Night>

If your PTA region, unit, or council is responsible for your overnight expenses, please present your PTA unit check with two signatures, and your unit tax exempt form with the same name, at time of check in to have room tax removed.

All meetings, workshops, sessions, meals and other planned activities for the NYS PTA Annual Convention are being held at the Saratoga Hilton and City Center (connected to the hotel).

**Convention registration inquiries must be directed to NYS PTA at 518-452-8808.
Hotel reservations and inquiries are to be directed to the hotel.**

Convention Registration Information

To Register

All registrations must be submitted online using the [Convention registration link](#). Each person attending must be individually registered. Workshop selections are on a first come, first serve basis.

Deadlines

No advance registrations accepted after October 10, 2024. Registrations after that date will be processed on-site only. Registrations canceled, *in writing*, prior to October 10, 2024, will receive a full refund, less a **\$25.00** processing fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations received after October 10, 2024, or for **no-shows**.

Credit Card/Check Payments

All event registrations must be paid in advance via credit card or by sending a check for the total as indicated in the online registration confirmation. If you need assistance making a credit card payment after you have submitted an online registration, please call the state office for assistance.

Purchase Orders

Purchase orders are not accepted.

2024 NYS PTA Online Registration

Register Online at: <https://nyspta.org/home/events/convention/>

Credit card payment available through online event registration.
Checks, made payable to NYS PTA, and mailed to: NYS PTA, 1 Wembley Court, Albany, NY 12205

Event Registration deadline October 10, 2024 - Hotel reservations are separate and on your own

<u>Packages</u> (all fees include event T-shirt)	<u>Fee</u>
A) Total Convention (All Meals & Conference fees)	\$385.00
B) Saturday only (All Saturday Meals & Conference fees).....	\$315.00
C) Conference only (Workshop & Sessions, Friday-Sunday (No meals)*	\$253.00
* Other Meals can be added a la carte to package at additional cost (see below)	

A la Carte Meals available on request (if not Total Convention Registration)

- Friday Dinner
- Saturday Breakfast
- Saturday Lunch (additional for package C).....
- Saturday Banquet (additional for package C).....
- Sunday Breakfast (additional for packages B or C).....

No advance registrations accepted after October 10, 2024. Registrations after that date will be processed on-site only at an additional \$25 of listed registration fee. The hotel cannot guarantee overnight room availability for on-site registration; room block rate will not be in effect after deadline date. On-site registration attendees cannot be guaranteed voting credentials or event t-shirt.

Event Fee Cancellation / Refund Policy - REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 10, 2024

- Event registration and payment must be received prior to the registration deadline.
- Registrants who have paid in full and cancel before the registration deadline will receive a full refund, less \$25 processing fee.
- Registrants canceling before the deadline, who have not paid their registration fee, will be billed \$25 processing fee.
- Upon receipt of event registration, registrant is responsible for the full event fee whether they attend or not. No refunds will be given for cancellations received after the registration deadline or for no-shows.
- Registrants will be billed for any unpaid amounts due.
- Registrants may send a replacement at no additional charge.
- Registrants or replacements who do not show up to the event will not receive a refund.
- Registrations received after the registration deadline will only be handled as on-site registrations.
- Hotel rooms and reduced room block rate are not guaranteed for on-site registrations.



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