

Family-School Partnerships Committee

by Sam Macer, Family-School Partnerships Committee Chair

The Board of Directors of the PTA Council of Baltimore County in association with the National PTA and research from leading parent involvement experts has voted to change the name of the “Parent Involvement Committee” to the “Family-School Partnerships Committee”. The name change reflects the emphasis placed on building successful partnerships to support student success.

National PTA recently announced that the six National PTA parent involvement standards have been renamed to reflect the need of a strong partnership between parents, schools and the community. *(See box on page 11 of the bulletin for the PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships.)*

The Plan of Work for the Family-School Partnerships Committee approved by PTA Council on August 8, 2007 is printed on **page 10 of the September bulletin**. I encourage **every PTA** to identify at least one or two parents or teachers who would like to assist in the implementation of the Plan of Work by becoming “Advisor Members” of the committee. There will be activities that can be accomplished from their homes. The committee is also offering an opportunity for those individuals who may want to participate beyond the “Advisor” membership level. The “Presenter Membership” level will play an active role in supporting other PTAs in their community to develop parent engagement activities.

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