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NAME OF PTA: Perry School District, Perry Ohio 44081. This PTA includes the following schools: Perry Elementary School, Perry Middle School, and Perry High School

****Article I—Name***

*The name of this organization is the **Perry School District Parent and Teacher Association of, Perry, Ohio, 44081**. It is a local PTA/PTSA organized under the authority of Ohio Congress of Parents and Teachers, a branch of National Congress of Parents and Teachers (National PTA).*

****Article II—Purposes***

Section 1. The purposes of the PTA are

- a. To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship,
- b. To raise the standards of home life,
- c. To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth,
- d. To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth, and
- e. To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

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

Section 3. The organization is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code (hereinafter referred to as “Internal Revenue Code”).

****Article III—Basic Policies***

The following are basic policies of National PTA:

- a. The organization shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
- b. The organization shall work with the schools and community to provide quality education for all children and youth and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process establishing school policy, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education, state education authorities, and local education authorities.
- c. The organization shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth and shall seek to promote collaboration between parents, schools, and the community at large.
- d. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.
- e. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- f. Upon the dissolution of this organization, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to Ohio PTA. (see OPTA Article IV, Sec. 2 & 5)

g. The organization or members in their official capacities shall not, directly or indirectly, participate or intervene (in any way, including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; or devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise.

****Article IV—Relationship with National PTA and Ohio PTA***

Section 1. This local PTA/PTSA shall be organized and chartered under the authority of the Ohio PTA in the area in which this local PTA/PTSA functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations, as the Ohio PTA may in its bylaws prescribe. The Ohio PTA shall issue to this local PTA/PTSA an appropriate charter.

A local PTA/PTSA in good standing is one that:

- a. Adheres to the purposes and basic policies of the PTA;
- b. Remits the National and Ohio PTA portion of dues to the Ohio PTA office by dates designated in Article V, Section 4 of these bylaws;
- c. Reviews their bylaws every three (3) years and submits them to the Ohio PTA Director of Bylaws for further approval. Units shall submit amendments to their bylaws to the Ohio PTA Director of Bylaws immediately upon their adoption. Submission may be made by email or U.S. Mail to Ohio PTA Director of Bylaws.

Section 2. This local PTA/PTSA shall adopt such bylaws for the government of the organization as may be approved by the Ohio PTA. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with National PTA or the Ohio PTA Bylaws.

Section 3. Bylaws of this local PTA/PTSA shall include an article on amendments.

Section 4. Bylaws of this local PTA/PTSA shall include a provision establishing a quorum.

Section 5. Each officer or board member of this local PTA/PTSA shall be a member of this local PTA/PTSA.

Section 6. The bylaws of this local PTA/PTSA shall prohibit voting by proxy.

Section 7. This local PTA/PTSA shall keep such permanent books of account and records as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, minutes, receipts and disbursements of the organization, including, specifically, the number of its members, the dues collected from its members and the amount of dues remitted to the Ohio PTA. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an authorized representative of the Ohio PTA.

Section 8. The charter of this PTA/PTSA shall be subject to withdrawal and the status of such organization as a PTA/PTSA unit, shall be subject to termination, in the manner and under the circumstances provided in the Bylaws of the Ohio PTA.

Section 9. Any local PTA/PTSA disbanding or withdrawing from the Ohio PTA shall notify its Ohio PTA District Advisor or the Ohio PTA office thirty (30) days before a disbanding vote is taken; and be governed by the procedure established by the Board of Directors of the Ohio PTA.

Section 10. Each local PTA/PTSA, in accordance with the January 1973 ruling by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall:

- a. File an annual financial report with the Ohio PTA office;
- b. File a Form 990 or 990 EZ with a Schedule A if gross receipts exceed \$25,000 annually; and
- c. Know that the Ohio PTA office staff will apply for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) for each constituent local PTA/PTSA unit.

****Article V—Membership and Dues***

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 of the Ohio PTA by which this local PTA is chartered, and is entitled to all the benefits of such membership.

Section 2. Each *individual* member of this local PTA/PTSA shall pay dues in the amount of \$ 5.00. *Family members of this local PTA/PTSA shall pay dues in the amount of \$9.00. Such annual dues shall include the portion payable to the Ohio PTA (\$1.75) and the portion payable to National PTA (\$1.75) payable to the Ohio PTA.*

Section 3. Only members of PTA/PTSA's in good standing shall be eligible to participate in its business meetings or to serve in any of its elective or appointive positions. A membership card is not interchangeable between PTA/PTSAs or schools and does not confer membership on more than one individual.

Section 4. Dues from the local PTA/PTSA shall be submitted to the Ohio PTA office MONTHLY, accompanied by a list with members. Local PTA/PTSAs who have withheld the initial payment of dues later than November 30 shall be a local PTA/PTSA listed as not in good standing.

Section 5. Members who are under 18 years of age are prohibited under Ohio law from signing contracts that bind the members of the Ohio PTA, or its councils and units.

Section 6. Local PTAs or PTSAs not in good standing as defined in the Ohio PTA Bylaws Article V, Section 6.

a. November 30:

1. Shall not be eligible for awards;
2. Shall have their unit removed from the mailing list of the Ohio PTA until dues are submitted;
3. Shall not be eligible to participate in the Reflections Program

b. March 15:

1. Shall be considered inactive
2. The IRS shall be notified that this unit is no longer a tax-exempt organization of the Ohio PTA.

Section 7. To be reinstated a local unit shall pay current dues and a \$20 reinstatement fee, which shall entitle the unit to send voting delegates to the Ohio PTA Annual Convention

****Article VI—Officers***

Section 1. The officers of this local PTA/PTSA shall be one president, *two* vice president(s), *one* secretary, a *communications director*, one treasurer and if part of a council, *two* delegate (s) and *two* alternate delegates.

Article VII—Nominations & Elections

Section 1. There shall be a nominating committee composed of *five* members who shall be elected by this local PTA/PTSA at a regular general membership meeting at least *four* months prior to the election of officers.

a. The chair shall be elected *by the committee*.

b. The nominating committee shall nominate one (1) eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees to the regular general membership in *April*. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting.

c. Only those individuals who are current members of this local PTA/PTSA and who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for, or elected to, such office.

Section 2. The following provisions shall govern the eligibility of individuals to be officers of the *Perry School District* PTA/PTSA:

- a. No officer may be eligible to serve more than *two* consecutive terms in the same office.
- b. 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 in such office.

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

Section 4. The vote shall be conducted by ballot and a majority vote shall elect. When there is only one candidate for any office that election may be held by voice vote.

Section 5. Officers shall assume their official duties *after June 30th* and shall serve for a term of *one* year or until their successors are elected.

Section 6. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the first vice president shall serve notice of the election. A vacancy occurring in any other elective position shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the remaining members of the executive board, notice of such election having been given.

Article VIII—Duties of Officers (Executive Committee)

Section 1. *The president is the liaison between this local PTA/PTSA and the Perry Board of Education, the administration and the faculty.*

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 and audit committee;
- c. Coordinate the work of the officers and committees of this local PTA/PTSA in order that the purposes may be promoted;
- d. **Select potential committee chairman for the Executive Committee's approval** with the exception to nominating committee;
- e. **be responsible for promoting the annual Perry PTA event**
- * f. Perform duties prescribed by these bylaws, standing rules, and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Ohio PTA.

Section 2. *The first vice president is the liaison between the parent membership and the Executive Board and acts as the director of committee chairpersons.*

The first vice-president shall:

- a. Act as aide to the president **and the second vice-president.**
- b. In their designated order, perform the duties of the president in the president's absence or inability to serve;
- c. **be responsible for supervising and promoting the activities committee**
- *d. Perform duties prescribed by these bylaws, standing rules, and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Ohio PTA.

Section 3. *The second vice-president is the liaison between the school leadership, faculty, staff and students with our Executive Board.*

The second vice-president shall:

- a. Act as an aide to the president and the first vice-president.
- b. supervise and promote the following PTA presence in the schools that include, but are not limited to, the volunteer coordinators, the homeroom party coordinator and The Publishing Company.
- *c. Perform duties prescribed by these bylaws, standing rules, and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Ohio PTA.

Section 4. The secretary shall:

- a. Keep a record of all meetings of the association, and shall be custodian of the permanent file;
- b. **Conduct the correspondence of the association**
- c. Have a current copy of the bylaws and standing rules;
- d. Maintain a membership list;
- e. **be responsible for supervising and promoting the membership and hospitality committees.**
- *f. Perform duties prescribed by these bylaws, standing rules, and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Ohio PTA.

Section 5. The communications officer is the liaison between the PTA membership and the Executive board with the districts media and publicity directors and the National PTA.

The communications officer shall:

- a. be responsible for internal communications that include; creating and distributing a monthly PTA Newsletter, mailing monthly postcards to meeting attendees and coordinating and communicating regular executive committee meetings and executive board meetings.
- b. be responsible for external communications that include: promoting the PTA and its activities on both the Perry School's website and our Channel 22.
- c. **solidify our relationship with the National PTA by coordination a Perry account on the National PTA website.**

Section 6. The treasurer shall:

- *a. Have custody of the funds and maintain a full and accurate account of the receipts and disbursements belonging to this local PTA/PTSA;
- *b. Make disbursements as authorized by the president, executive board, or this local PTA/PTSA in accordance with the budget adopted yearly by this local PTA/PTSA;
- c. Have checks signed by two people: the treasurer and one other officer (recommended);
- *d. Provide a financial statement at each meeting;
- e. Present an annual report of the financial condition of the organization;
- *f. Submit the books annually or upon change of officer for an audit by an auditor or an auditing committee of no fewer than three members, who, satisfied that the treasurer's annual report is correct, shall sign a statement of that fact at the end of the report;
- g. Report the findings of the annual audit to the executive board;
- h. Be bonded for a sum sufficient to protect the unit from loss. (suggested sum can be average amount of funds needed during the year)
- i. **supervise and promote the fundraising endeavors of this PTA including Santa Shop, Pridewear and Market Day.**
- *j. Perform duties prescribed by these bylaws, standing rules, and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Ohio PTA.

Section 5. Local PTA/PTSA delegates (or their alternates) to council shall attend the meetings of Lake County Council of PTA/PTSA and shall report to the association.

Article IX—Executive Committee (Elected Officers)

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the **Perry School District** PTA/PTSA, the members of which shall be all elected officers;

Section 2. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the president or upon written request of **four** members with **seven** days' notice to each member of the Executive Committee. No other business than that which is stated in the call shall be transacted at this meeting.

Section 3. A majority of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. Duties of the executive committee shall be:

- a. Transact business referred to it by the board;
- b. Approve the work of the committees;
- c. Make a report at each board meeting;
- d. To take no action in conflict with any action taken by the executive board.

Article X—Executive Board

Section 1. The members of the executive board shall be:

- a. elected officers.
- b. chairpersons of standing committees and special committees.

Section 2. Duties of the executive board shall be to:

- a. To transact necessary business in the intervals between regular association meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by the association;
- b. Create special committees;
- c. To approve the plans of work of the standing committees
- d. Report at the regular meetings of the association;
- e. Appoint an auditor or an auditing committee at least one month prior to the end of the fiscal year to audit the treasurer's accounts;
- f. Ensure a budget is prepared and submitted to the general association for approval for the fiscal year; and
- g. Fill vacancies in elective and appointive positions.

Section 3. If any member of the executive board 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 resolution adopted by 2/3 vote in the executive board.

Section 4. 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.

Section 5. Special meetings of the board may be called by the president or when requested by seven members upon seven days' written notice to each member of the Executive Board. Special meetings of the association may be called by the President or by a majority of the Executive Board, fourteen days' notice having been given. No other business than that which is stated in the call shall be transacted at this meeting.

Section 6. At all meetings of the board eight of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 7. Upon the expiration of the term of office or when individuals cease to hold an executive position they shall be relieved of all duties and responsibilities. All records, books, and other materials pertaining to the position shall be turned over to the president and all funds pertaining to the position shall be returned to the treasurer within 14 days.

Article XI—Standing Committees

Section 1. *The standing committees of this local PTA/PTSA shall be: By-Laws and Legislative, Membership, Volunteer Coordination, Activities, Fundraising, Publishing Company, Hospitality and Communications.*

Section 2. The executive board may create such special committees as it may deem necessary to promote the purposes of PTA and carry on the work of this local PTA/PTSA.

Section 3. *The term of office of a committee chair shall be one year. No committee chair may be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms.*

Section 4. The chair of each committee shall present a plan of work to the executive board for approval. No committee work shall be undertaken without the consent of the executive board.

Article XII—General Membership Meetings

Section 1. *Regular meetings of this local PTA/PTSA shall be held monthly throughout the school year. Dates will be published at the beginning of the school year after consideration of the school's calendar set by the superintendent and the Perry School Board. Fourteen days' notice shall be given to the membership of any change of date.*

Section 2. *Special meetings of this local PTA/PTSA may be called by the President or by a majority of the Executive Board of fourteen days' notice having been given. No other business than that which is stated in the call shall be transacted at this meeting.*

Section 3. *two-thirds of the members present, four of whom shall be officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of this local PTA/PTSA.*

Article XIII—Council Membership

Section 1. A council may be organized for the purpose of conference and cooperation in matters of common interest, and shall admit only local PTA/PTSAs in membership with the National PTA and the Ohio PTA.

Section 2. *Should this local PTA/PTSA choose to become involved in the Lake County Council, it shall be represented in meetings of the Lake County Council PTA by the president, or appointed alternate, and by one delegate or alternate.*

- a. All representatives to the council PTA must be members of this local PTA/PTSA.*
- b. Delegates and their alternates shall be elected.*

Section 3. *This local PTA/PTSA shall pay annual dues of ___?_____ to the Lake County Council PTA as provided in the Lake County Council PTA Bylaws.*

****Article XIV—Ohio PTA Convention***

- Section 1. This local PTA/PTSA shall be represented at the annual meeting of the Ohio PTA by:
- a. Elected officers from each PTA/PTSA unit or council or their representatives;
 - b. Accredited delegated from local PTA/PTSAs in good standing.

****Article XV—Fiscal Year***

The fiscal year of this local PTA/PTSA shall begin on July 1 and end on the following June 30.

****Article XVI: Dissolution***

Section 1. Upon the dissolution of this organization, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to the Ohio PTA, a non-profit organization, which is tax-exempt and meets the requirements of regulations under Section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. Procedure for dissolution:

- a. When a motion to disband is presented and seconded, it must be deferred for vote until the next meeting. All members must be notified by first class mail, along with the Ohio PTA office thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken on the motion to disband.
- b. At the next meeting the motion to disband is opened for discussion. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting is required for the motion to be adopted. The books, records, and the unit's Charter shall be returned to the Ohio PTA office by registered mail or given to the Ohio PTA Board of Directors representative.
- c. When the dissolution vote is taken IRS shall be notified that this unit is no longer a tax-exempt organization of the Ohio PTA.

****Article XVII—Parliamentary Authority***

*The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised; Tenth Edition shall govern **Perry School District PTA** in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with National PTA Bylaws, the Ohio PTA Bylaws, special rules of order or Articles of Incorporation.*

****Article XVIII—Amendments***

Helpful Hint: Fill in your unit's name. It is suggested that you allow a minimum of fourteen (14) days. You may wish to specify how notice will be given.

*Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular general membership meeting of **Perry School District** by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting. Notice of proposed amendments must have been provided to the membership **fourteen** days prior to the meeting.*

Section 2. This local PTA/PTSA may appoint a committee to submit a revised set of bylaws as a substitute for the existing bylaws. The requirement for adoption of a revised set of bylaws shall be the same as in the case of an amendment.

Section 3. All revisions and amendments to the local PTA/PTSA's Bylaws shall be submitted for approval to the Ohio PTA Director of Bylaws. The adoption of an amendment to any provision of these bylaws identified shall serve automatically and without the requirement of any further action by the local PTA to amend correspondingly the bylaws of each local PTA/PTSA. The local PTA/PTSA shall promptly incorporate such amendments to their respective bylaws.