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City Schools Welcomes Return of PTA Council of Baltimore City

(Baltimore, MD) — The Maryland PTA (Parent Teacher Association) recently announced the reinstatement of the PTA Council of Baltimore City. Local PTA councils advocate for students by providing a range of support to local PTA units, including training while engaging families, teachers and other school stakeholders.

Baltimore City Public Schools CEO Andrés A. Alonso welcomed the return of the PTA Council of Baltimore City to active status. “The energy and ideas of our families are an essential part of our reform efforts. The PTA Council of Baltimore City provides another resource to help families get engaged and informed and work to make our schools better.”

PTA Council of Baltimore City President Deborah Demery stressed the importance of parental involvement in schools. “The PTA Council of Baltimore City recognizes the importance of engaging families in education. When families are involved, performance levels increase. Having a local link to state and national PTA programs will increase the knowledge and resources available to our families in the city. We want all of our children to have an equal opportunity for success. There is work to be done and we welcome the challenge.”

Over the past several years, the Maryland PTA has worked with local chapters to strengthen PTA organizational structures and prepare for the reinstatement of the local PTA council.

“The PTA Council of Baltimore City will work with parents, teachers, administrators, school board members and other citizens to enhance the educational, health and safety and cultural opportunities for every child in Baltimore City,” said Kay Romero, President of the Maryland PTA. “All PTA units in Baltimore City may position themselves to join the council and come together in advocacy for children. The PTA Council of Baltimore City is also a member of the Maryland PTA board and will be a strong voice in advocacy for children at the state level.”

The officers of the Baltimore City Council of PTAs are:

President – Debbie Demery, Baltimore City College
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