



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The education of our children is a solemn duty of every parent, teacher, leader, and neighbor. Therefore, to ensure that our children receive the best possible education, we must create a climate of collaboration, commitment, respect, and accountability. In order to bolster these values, robust partnerships between parents and teachers are of the utmost importance. To this end, Parent-Teacher Associations (PTA) across our nation have long sought to advocate on behalf of all students.

For more than a century, Texas PTA and local PTA organizations have been at the forefront of meaningful progress and have been a profound force for good in the lives of students. These organizations brought about child labor laws, universal kindergarten, and juvenile justice reform, but their eyes remain firmly fixed on the future as an organization devoted to the leaders of tomorrow. PTAs rightly recognize that parents—the preeminent decision-makers for their children—must play a central role if we are to pave the way for student success, and PTAs therefore work to strengthen the bonds between parents and teachers.

PTAs create a space in which parents can voice their concerns, priorities, and opinions about educational policies, and consequently, families' needs shape and guide every phase of the policymaking process, at both the local and statewide level. PTAs throughout the state exemplify Texas' proud tradition of partnership, community service, and family values, and these organizations benefit schools of every size in every region of the Lone Star State.

Each year, PTA organizations raise awareness of the critical role that parent-teacher partnerships play in our students' education. I join PTA organizations across the state in encouraging families to "Back the Future" by devoting their time and energy to the betterment of their schools.

At this time, I encourage all parents to engage in their children's education. Ultimately, the children we nurture today will one day lead our state, nation, and world, and the investments we make in their education will no doubt echo through the ages.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 2022 to be

PTA Back the Future Month



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
20th day of September, 2022.


Governor of Texas