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Greetings Parents, Students, Teachers & Principals,

I am excited to serve as your PTA President for 2016-2017 and honored to work alongside a very talented group of Officers and Committee Chairs. I would like to welcome back returning students and families! I also extend a very heartfelt welcome to new families within our district! To everyone, I look forward to making 2016-2017 a fun and productive year!

To the local PTA/PTSA Executive boards, committee chair leaders and all of our volunteers, I look forward to working with all of you this school year, some for the first time. I know we will have a great year because of the dedicated and amazing volunteers we have on the PTA/PTSA.

The purpose of the PTA is to first and foremost support our students. In addition, we support the faculty, staff, parents, and the local community. "Every Child-One Voice" is the National PTA motto and the PTA is one of the strongest voices in the educational process that directly supports our children and school. Dorchester District Two believes "leading the way, every student, every day, through relationships, rigor, and relevance." This year will be no different!

District 23 (District 2 & District 4) has a special community feel that is driven by the dedicated teachers and staff at the school, parents that believe in the value of education, and all the volunteers that help deliver PTA programming. One of the PTA's primary missions is to support collaboration with school staff - teachers and the Principal - so that we can deliver programs that enrich and enhance the school's curriculum goals. Another mission is to support that community feel by coordinating events that give families and students a chance to get to know each other outside of the individual classrooms.

An effective and successful PTA/PTSA requires support and involvement of the parents of our students. It is vital. Your first opportunity to show support is to become a member of the PTA/PTSA. We encourage each of you to show your commitment by joining.

The second way to show your support will be to participate in the numerous exciting events and programs that the local units have planned throughout the year. You may choose to be a committee chair, committee member, or volunteer. Whatever level of participation you choose, your time and involvement will be greatly appreciated. Many parents feel that they cannot participate in the PTA/PTSA because they cannot attend meetings or be at school during the day. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours in or outside of school hours, your ideas, your time, and your talents are truly needed. There are endless possibilities in ways you can help. Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. We promise that the time you give to the PTA/PTSA and the school will be worth your while—and fun! Please consider volunteering, it really does make a difference in the lives of all our children!

I invite you to stay informed of our upcoming events as well as the things occurring in local schools by joining our Facebook page, check out our website <http://district23.digitalpto.com/>, and attend PTA/PTSA meetings. Each school has been given the opportunity to submit their

meeting dates and important events to appear on our district website. We are a team and showing support and learning from each other is vital to our success! I value your time so I will always keep our PTA meetings to an hour and local PTA/PTSAs have volunteered to host and will provide a dinner the first 30 minutes. Please make sure to RSVP to each event (the link will appear on our website and on our Facebook page) this will help with the local unit using their monies wisely.

Please contact me anytime about PTA events and activities. I am here to assist you in any way that I can. I hold this opportunity in high regard and I look forward to meeting and working with each of you!

With appreciation,

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