

Goodbye.....

As I wind down my time in the Montgomery County Council of PTAs (fondly called MCCPTA), I want to take this opportunity to personally thank the many PTA members that I have gotten to know over my 24 years in PTA/MCCPTA. Your continued support over the years has been greatly appreciated. It has made difficult times better times. It has made good times great times. It has highlighted that our PTAs are filled with many committed advocates serving children and school communities in a multitude of ways.

Over my time as the president of MCCPTA we worked on reaching back and renewing support for our local PTAs as well as continuing to advance our organization's goals and objectives. We doubled our efforts to listen to and assist local PTAs. We were there for children and families and were a conduit for a true partnership between families, schools and other advocacy organizations. Bottom line... we were there....and we continued to be there.

I cannot leave here and not thank my family. My husband Ray has been a silent but greatly valued partner in my PTA roles over the many years. He has become accustomed to PTA being another child in our family and has been my greatest supporter when PTA calls. I want to publicly thank my husband for his continued support as well as his never reminding me I should be home more and cook more meals at home. I do not think he will ever get over the urge to list PTA as an added dependent on our IRS forms just as many of us want to add Sally Foster for the gift wrap we buy each year.

I have had children in our school system since 1986. PTA came knocking on my door immediately. Over my PTA years, I have had two children graduate from Albert Einstein HS with another (my baby) graduating this June with an IB Diploma from Albert Einstein HS.

I have enjoyed the service to children and school communities. I have met and worked with many great PTA advocates over these many years. It truly takes a PTA village to move inaction to productive action. I want to take the time to say thank you for your advocacy to and for children. It is appreciated. I appreciate it.

With that being said, the dinner tonight will be my goodbye to the Montgomery County Council of PTAs as your president and moving on to Maryland PTA in my continued role as President Elect of Maryland PTA and my future role as the President of Maryland PTA.

I wish the best of luck to you all. All of you are an inspiration in the name of PTA and to the testament that for EVERY CHILD there is ONE VOICE. It is your voice among the collective voices of PTA. Be proud of your volunteerism and support for PTA. Remember that it is each of you and others in our school communities that keep PTA alive and well. PTA is a voice to be recognized and respected. We are the faces of PTA

Thank you....

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