



## Fast Start: Family & Community Engagement

- **Consider becoming a National PTA School of Excellence.**

National PTA's Schools of Excellence program focuses on PTA and school leaders working together to engage families in school decision-making, such as improvements to programs, practices, and policies related to education, health and safety, or the arts. Enroll before October 1<sup>st</sup> at <https://www.pta.org>.

Additional information and examples are included in the PTA Program Materials file (National PTA School of Excellence) of the Illinois PTA Local Unit Packet.

- **Check out the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships.**

Developed by National PTA, these standards help PTAs to strengthen the bonds between families, schools, and their community. See the numerous resources at <https://www.pta.org> or included in the PTA Program Material file of the Illinois PTA Local Unit Packet.

- **Get ready for Take Your Family to School Week February 2019.**

Plan an event or two to bring families to school during the week. National PTA has created <https://www.pta.org/home/programs> that make running events easy to do, along with resources to promote your events in English and Spanish. Resources are available at [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org).



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***Key ideas to start your PTA year off right.***