



Dear Members of the PTA Council:

We were surprised to have received your request to remove the reference to PTA from our name. Last fall, and at your request, we agreed to enter into mediation guided by the Dispute Settlement Center in order to share financial information and to discuss our future relationship with the PTAs. Unfortunately, your organization chose to withdraw from the mediation process before these issues could be fully discussed. We invite you back to the mediation process in the interest of an amicable outcome.

With regards to the use of the name, the term "PTA Thrift Shop" is not copyrighted by anyone and our use of "PTA Thrift Shop" for over 45 years has provided us with a common law trademark, allowing us to continue to use the name "PTA Thrift Shop". However, our Board will take up your request at our June meeting and continue the discussion throughout the summer.

As we have stated in previous communications, we remain committed to our mission of supporting children, their families and their teachers and schools through distributions to the PTAs, Project Impact grants, and other youth-focused initiatives. We have acknowledged and continue to share your frustration as to the lack of distributions provided to the PTAs since 2012, and are making every effort to re-establish these distributions.

The Board and Professional Staff value our relationship with our primary partners, the PTAs, in supporting local teachers, students, and families as well as working to support school and youth-focused initiatives while maintaining the long-term sustainability of the organization.

We will continue to communicate with teachers, social workers, principals, and district staff for the coming school year, and remain open to dialogue with both PTA Council and the PTAs. We hope to collaborate with you and the PTAs again to benefit our schools and community at large.

Sincerely,
PTA Thrift Shop Board of Directors

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