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Dear Presidents,

At the 2009 PTA Convention, the delegates voted for a twenty-five cent (\$0.25) increase in the State Dues starting in the 2010-2011 fiscal year. This will bring the State dues portion to \$1.75. The total dues (National and State) will be \$3.50. Again, **this dues increase will start in the 2010-2011 fiscal year.**

This dues increase was proposed for several reasons:

1. We want to provide updated materials and programs to our local units and in order to do so we need to have additional resources to create these programs.
2. We are in the process of making major changes to our Web Site. You will see some of this by the time you receive this correspondence, but more is planned and we need the money to support these changes.
3. We were hoping the building would sell sooner thereby giving us additional funds and reducing our expenses, but this will take much longer than we had hoped.
4. The state has been pulling money from reserves in order to cover our existing expenses for the last 5 years.

The Illinois PTA has not had a dues increase in over 10 years. In the last few years, we have worked more efficiently and have reduced our expenses in many areas.

PTA is still one of the least expensive organizations to join. Fees to join other organizations range from \$25 to \$100.

Please help us by communicating to your members all of the advantages of being a PTA. These include:

- Training that we provide at your location.
- Programs that you can provide at your school, such as Reflections, Three for Me, Healthy Kids Projects, Start the Art Week, and others.
- Someone to call when you have questions.
- A chance to meet and discuss issues with other local PTAs; PTAs across your State and the Nation.
- State and National Conventions

Bruce Bohren
President Elect (2009-2010)