

CHANGING DREW CHARTER SCHOOL'S PTA TO A PTO!

Can I Buy a Vowel?!



We are preparing for a vote to transition from a PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) – which operates under the umbrella of the National PTA – to a PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) – a fully independent, locally-run group.

Same amazing parents. Same dedicated teachers.

Just with a whole lot more flexibility to do things the **ONE DREW WAY!**

Why Drew Is Exploring a Transition From PTA to PTO?



More Flexibility for Drew's Unique Structure

A PTO model allows us to shape policies, committees, and governance specifically for our three academies—EA, JA, and SA.



All Funds Stay at Drew

Under PTA affiliation, a portion of dues is sent to state and national levels. Currently, Drew PTA receives only \$4.90 of the \$10 PTA dues paid per member each year. A PTO keeps 100% of funds in our school supporting students, teachers, and programs.



Better Alignment With Charter School Priorities

The Georgia PTA maintains political and legislative positions that do not always align with the autonomy and flexibility that charter schools—including Drew—value.



Most Schools in the U.S. Are PTOs

Nationally, about 60,000 PTOs exist compared to 24,500 PTAs. In Georgia, many charter schools elect to operate PTOs.



Supports our 'One Drew' Mission

A PTO can more directly align with our community values of belonging, innovation, and celebration, allowing decisions to be hyper-tailored to Drew families and the values that we uphold.

What a Transition to a PTO Could Mean for Our Community



Transparent, Step-by-Step Transition Process

We would take the step prescribed by the National PTA to dissolve our local PTA, establish a new PTO entity, adopt bylaws, and elect officers—ensuring total transparency and compliance every step of the way.



Programs Continue Without Interruption

Screen on the Green, Teacher Appreciation, Drew Dads, Bike Bus, Dine Outs, Room Parent Support will all seamlessly continue under the new PTO structure.



Membership Remains Voluntary TRIAL FONT Accessible

Dues structure changes, but participation remains open and inclusive with . More of every dollar stays at Drew.



We Maintain Full Local Control

Decision-making stays here. As we continue to discuss this transition, we expect and welcome questions and comments from you. Please direct questions to ptadrewmembership@gmail.com, and we will post responses in our weekly newsletter.

GOAL: Launch Drew Charter PTO starting 2026-2027 school year!

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



SIGN PETITION:

A petition is required to accompany the Letter of Intent to Dissolve that will be presented to the Georgia PTA.

Pick your time to sign:

- 3/18/2026: EA pick up from 3:45-4:30 pm
- 3/18/2026: SA Honor Society Induction
- 3/19/2026: EA RISE pick up from 5-6pm
- 3/23/2026: JA Honor Society Induction
- 3/25/2026: Sip, Savor and Socialize at the Argonaut



VOTE:

PTA members vote on dissolution at
General Body PTA Meeting on April 28th at 6:00pm