

IMPORTANT PTO UPDATE!

Hello Fellow PTO members,

A meeting was held with the K-6 and 7th-8th PTO Boards, past PTO Presidents, and teacher liaisons to discuss improving the function and organization of the PTOs. The group reviewed the pros and cons of restructuring the PTO's. Six years ago the current structure was carefully set up specifically to blend the community together and combine families as Stevenson was selected as Grandview's only Elementary school. After careful thought and consideration, our group came to a consensus; redistribute the PTOs by school building to better serve the children. It is our recommendation that the PTOs restructure have a Stevenson K-3 PTO, and an Edison INTERMEDIARY 4th thru 8th PTO. I highlight INTERMEDIARY because we want you to know we recognize this PTO will consist of some younger child events as well as some separate older child activities. There will also be some combined events with appropriate supervision.

As a group, we are focused on our children and have agreed to work together in the children's' best interest. This will require the two current PTOs to cooperate closely to keep a similar construction of the current events, and transfer funding to maintain this. Our current Boards have pledged to cooperate in both formulating the details and working thru a transition time to arrive at what we believe will result in the best solution for the children and the schools.

I want to thank Sharla Thomas, next year's Edison Intermediary 4th thru 8th PTO President, and Jennifer Dunkle, next year's Stevenson K-3 PTO President (should you, the Members, accept our recommendations), for agreeing to accept the added responsibilities this will entail. I also want to thank the PTO Board members who have agreed to stay on next year through this transition: Heidi Bechtel, Stacey Sterneker, Debbie York, Mandy Taylor and Debbie Brannan.

Accordingly, we will have a joint PTO meeting at the Stevenson Cafeteria, Tuesday evening February 23rd beginning at 7pm to fully discuss the topic, and then take a members vote. Childcare will be provided.

I was honored at our meeting to sit amongst the most dedicated group of individuals that does something very dear to all of us, volunteer and make it better for our children.

Respectfully,

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