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“New Year – New Connections!” ~ Now is a great time for SEPTA and SEPTSA units to explore new opportunities to connect with their members. The virtual world offers a creative way to achieve this, while also reaching a broader audience. By now, it’s likely that you and/or someone in your family has “attended” a virtual meeting or class using Zoom, Google Meet or similar program. Although we would all prefer to meet in person, there are certainly advantages to attending a PTA meeting from the comfort of your home!

Don’t know how to get started? National and NYS PTA have got you covered! There are numerous resources, training videos, virtual event and fundraising ideas available on their websites (see links below), including a whole section dedicated to learning how to PTA in a virtual environment.

Workshops are such an important part of what SEPTA’s and SEPTSA’s offer to their members. Did you know that there are many organizations ready to provide virtual presentations at *no cost* to your unit? A reference list of Virtual Workshop Presenters can be emailed to you. Please contact me if you would like to be added to the email distribution list. Another great resource can be found within your own school district. Connect with your district’s Special Education/Student Services office and ask if they would be interested in providing a virtual presentation to your members.

If you have any questions, need help getting started or would like to connect with your local SEPTA or SEPTSA, please feel free to email me.

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy new year!

Help links:

How to “Virtual PTA” - <https://nyspta.org/how-to-pta-in-a-virtual-environment/>

Lead a PTA Virtually - <https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/lead-a-virtual-pta>

Special Education/SEPTA’s - https://nyspta.org/home/advocacy/special-education_ptas/

Special Education Toolkit - <https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/Special-Education-Toolkit>

NYS PTA Resource Guide - <https://nyspta.org/home/pta-leaders/nys-pta-resource-guide/>