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### Male Engagement report for November 2021

In an effort to better understand the amount of male involvement within Suffolk Region units and councils, we conducted a survey asking the following questions. Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the survey!

1. Is this a local unit or council?
2. How many officers are on the board? / How many MALE officers are on the board?
3. How many PTA members does the unit have? / How many MALE PTA members does the unit have?
4. How many MALES volunteer and/or attend meetings regularly?
5. What do you think could be done to get more MALES involved with your unit/council?

A summary of data from the 33 units and councils that responded is below \*.

1. Of the 33 responses 28 (84.8%) were units and 5 (15.2%) were councils.
2. Executive board size ranged from 3 to 10 officers. **A male officer is present on 3 (9.1%) of the boards.** Thirty (90.9%) reported no male officers.
3. The percentage of male members in units was hard to gauge. Part of the reason is that memberhub does appear to have a way to specify gender.

4. The number of males that volunteer and/or attend meetings ranged from 0 to 8  
\*\*. 21 units/councils (63.6%) reported 1-2 males are involved. **Only one unit reported no males involved.** The remaining 11 (33.3%) varied from 3 to 8 males involved.

5. Ideas to increase male engagement:

- a. Have more events that males tend to relate to, such as sports, food ( sports night, "Dads and Donuts")
- b. Get dads involved where physical setup is required
- c. Dad/Daughter/Son events
- d. Males want to be asked. Reach out specifically to dads. "I.e. Calling all Dads"
- e. Change the culture of how we advertise PTA as a historically woman's role
- f. Events geared towards males might need to be organized by males, creating an opportunity to get more males involved at the board level
- g. Have their wives tell them

Concern:

- Male involvement can lead to a male dominated PTA, even when there are less males than females.

## Summary

Male involvement is low within the units and councils that responded. While the number of male officers is very low (3 male officers on 33 boards), all but one of the respondents said there is at least one male that volunteers and/or regularly attends meetings.

Some ideas on how to better engage males were provided. The concern that getting males involved may lead to a male dominated PTA needs further investigation.

## Moving forward

The next report will focus on specific ways to increase male engagement.

\* The survey results exclude the units and council in South Country Central School District where we have a male council president (me) and male officers on 4 of our 7 units.

\*\* Some of the males attending meetings may reflect principals and other administrators.