

March 22, 2021

Hello Germantown High School PTSA Members!

We, GHS PTSA Executive Board and GHS Administration, have weighed our options in regard to remaining a PTA/PTSA or changing our Parent/Teacher/Student Organization to PTO/PTSO. It has been discussed in our meetings about the lack of acknowledgement and partnership with State PTA; we have been disappointed at their response(s) to our concerns, namely lack of acknowledgement and support as it relates to the wonderful things the students are accomplishing at Germantown High School (GHS), both academically and socially, as well as the many community service awards that have been received by our students over the years.

A representative from State of Tennessee PTA addressed the board, hearing our concerns and informing us of the stance State PTA has regarding our situation. Acknowledgment was made of our concerns; however, we (GHS PTSA Executive Board and GHS Administration) found it in our best interest to change our organizational structure from PTA/PTSA to PTO/PTSO. The benefits of being a PTO/PTSO far outweigh remaining a PTA/PTSA.

It is our assertion that Germantown High School PTSA “dues” paid to State of Tennessee PTA is not of sufficient benefit for our members. Thousands of dollars are paid to State of Tennessee PTA each year; however, we feel that keeping those fees at the school for the use of the students and/or teachers is a better option .

In keeping with our bylaws, policies and procedures, we must hold a meeting to discuss our proposal to organize as a PTO/PTSO; however, we are required to allow a member of State PTA to speak on the issue, and answer any questions, concerns or suggestions that the “membership” has.

The past several years has been very challenging for GHS PTSA; it is our hope that with GHS Parents, Teachers, and Students in partnership with GHS Administration, we can make a strong PTO – having total control of our assets and making the best financial decisions for the benefit of our organization.

**\*You must be a member (2019-2020 school year) and present at the meeting to vote – pass along this info\***

Topic: GHS PTO/PTSO versus PTA/PTSA - Open Discussion and Vote

Time: Apr 26, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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