Installation of Officers

Newly elected PTA officers may be installed in a ceremony, but this formality is not necessary. (Terms of office are designated in the bylaws.) Each local PTA may develop its own installation ceremony, if it chooses to have one, or adapt a borrowed one.

The Installing Officers:
- Region director will install the councils at Council meeting. Utah PTA will also come and install if requested.
- Council/Region will install local PTA officers.
  - As a local president you need to let the Council/Region know when you want them to come and install you. This can be done at your election meeting.

Example Installation ceremony:
- Have the outgoing officers and commissioners stand and thank them for their dedication and service to the children.
- Name each new officer and position in turn.

Example for Local:
- Will you each serve and unitedly work toward the fulfillment of Utah PTA's Purposes and mission in the service of children and youth? Answer: "I will."
- With a strong belief in your several abilities, with renewed hope for (name of school) PTA, I now declare you duly installed officers for (recite years to be served).

Example for Council / Region:
When you first became a PTA member, you showed you cared about children by choosing to join. Then as a local PTA Board member you showed your dedication to children by choosing to lead. You are showing commitment to work for the future of our children and PTA by choosing to serve. I know each of you will do your best to work for everychild.onevoice.

The vision is to keep PTA strong—to ensure that those of you who accepted this opportunity to serve see the broad picture of what PTA can do for children—of what PTA is doing for children— of what PTA will do for all children.

My challenge to you is to keep children the focus of your PTA service. Remember to enhance parent involvement—in your homes, schools, and communities. Everyone must be willing to work for each child to reach his/her full potential.

May you enter upon your office with the steadfast purpose of serving as only you can serve. Do you accept the challenge and charge? Please signify by saying, "I do." And do you members of PTA accept the challenge to work for every child, with one voice? Please signify by saying, "I do."

It is my pleasure to declare you duly installed officers of the _____PTA/ PTSA 2017-2018.

Handout: Utah PTA will help every child realize his full potential:
- **Advocate:** Support and speak on behalf of children and youth
- **Involve:** Encourage positive involvement in all facets of a child's life
- **Develop:** Assist in developing skills to raise and protect children and youth.

Give them a copy of the Utah PTA mission statement, as a bookmark, in a frame, or on a card/magnet. Ask them to read it often and to remember that they are serving the children.

Leadership Points to Ponder

"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being."

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, German writer and polymath

"Keep dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember, all things are possible to those who believe."

-Gail Devers, three-time Olympic Champion in track & field

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them FEEL."

-Maya Angelou, African-American poet, memoirist, actress, director, and civil rights activist

"Each of us must come to care about everyone else's children. We must recognize that the welfare of our children is intimately linked to the welfare of all other people's children. After all, when one of our children needs life-saving surgery, some else's child will perform it. If one of our children is harmed by violence, someone else's child will be responsible for the violent act. The good life for our own children can be secured only if a good life is secured for all other people's children."

-Lilian Katz, Professor of Early Childhood Education