

Livonia PTSA Council Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to **advocate for all children.**

In support of the PTA mission and the PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships, Livonia PTSA Council has created a DEI committee. Our goal is to have at least one person from each PTA/PTSA unit on our committee.

Please consider appointing a chairperson of diversity, equity, and inclusion at your unit.



What Does a DEI Chair Do?

The DEI chair acts as a leader of a PTA unit's diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts to ensure the needs of all students are represented in the operations and offerings of the unit. The roles and responsibilities will vary according to the needs, resources, and interests of the unit. Here are some examples of things the DEI chair might do:

- Meet approximately once per month with the Livonia PTSA Council DEI Committee to collaborate with other unit chairs, learn, and share ideas and support
- Work with the unit's board as they plan programs, initiatives, and events, helping them to consider ways to make those events more inclusive, such as:
 - Offering food options that accommodate people with dietary restrictions
 - Avoiding dates that are religious holidays
 - Making events free or low-cost
 - Making events accessible and accommodating for all by considering the needs of underrepresented groups
 - Providing low-stimulus spaces for students who need it
 - Hiring vendors from diverse backgrounds
- Share the DEI content that council posts on social media
- Plan events that celebrate diversity and promote understanding and inclusion, such as multicultural nights
- Learn more about DEI through PTA conventions, workshops, PTA resources, Facebook groups, podcasts, books, documentaries, etc. and share information with unit members
- Ensure the unit operates in an inclusive manner to create a hospitable environment and reach out to encourage people from diverse backgrounds to join your board or chair committees
- Create student clubs that are related to DEI topics
- Collaborate with district leadership to grow DEI perspectives

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