



Dear School Administrator,

Through the generous support of the U.S. Department of Labor, PTA has launched a new initiative to bring parents to the forefront of helping young people explore their career interests and plan for their futures. *PTA Goes to Work* is a national campaign designed to connect parents and young people to information, resources and tools that will help prepare them for exploring and planning for life after high school.

A recent study by ACT®, an organization that provides resources and services that support education and workplace success, found that high school students planning to enter the workforce after graduation needed academic skills similar to those of students planning to enter college. The key is making sure that every young person has the best career information available and the skills necessary to make good decisions as they prepare for their future. These skills will open up opportunities never imagined and give them the confidence to succeed in school and in life.

PTA's goal is to make sure parents are well-prepared to guide and support their child's transition through school, and that students are fully equipped to take ownership of planning their futures. We have developed a *Career Planning Toolkit* that contains resources that will help parents and students make better choices as they explore, plan and prepare for the years beyond high school.

Enclosed is a copy of the Parent and Student Guides, in both English and Spanish. We encourage you to consider ways in which these guides can be shared with every parent and student in your school. With the support of principals, teachers and counselors, we believe these guides and other resources available through the *PTA Goes to Work* initiative will have a major impact on making sure our youth are prepared to succeed in the 21st century.

For more information on *PTA Goes To Work*, visit our Website at www.pta.org.

Sincerely,

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