

September 14, 2020

Dear Madison Community,

Greetings, and welcome to Madison Middle School! My name is Katy Walum, and I am your Madison PTSA President. These indeed are unprecedented times, and we are all experiencing an unprecedented back-to-school season, but the PTSA is excited to get this year started with our returning families and brand new families, and to help our staff to create the best learning environment possible, whatever shape that may take.



We are fortunate to have many returning PTSA Board members as well as some new Board members this year. This breadth of knowledge and commitment to making Madison an even better place will serve our community well. Over the past several months, we have heard your calls for enhanced curriculum and dialogue around racial equity and anti-racism, as well as greater diversity in instructional approaches, and, as always, we are committed to addressing and supporting your goals. This fall we are pleased to introduce an Equity and Inclusion Committee of the PTSA, made up of several Madison parents already busy at work.

We promise to bring you the latest Madison information, typically with an update from the administration, at our General Meetings. The PTSA holds three General Meetings per year, and coordinates with our counseling department to bring parent and family education opportunities and events to you. The **first General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, October 21, 2020, from 6:30-8pm via Zoom.**

**Find out more** information about our General Meetings, as well as our upcoming parent programs, **by signing up** to receive our **Madison PTSA Weekly Bulldog Bulletin** and **signing up** to be included on our **Madison PTSA Mailing List**. We also recommend that you bookmark the **[MadisonPTSA.com](https://www.MadisonPTSA.com) website**, and **like us on on Facebook at Madison Middle School PTSA**. Everyone is welcome to sign up for the PTSA Bulletin or to be on the PTSA Mailing List; you don't have to be a member!

Of course, we do encourage you to **join the Madison PTSA** as a voting member to support Madison and to have a direct impact on PTSA planning and action. In line with our commitment to equity, we are offering membership scholarships this year for those unable to afford membership fees.

The Madison PTSA has committed to providing supplies and support for EVERY classroom and EVERY department. Please consider a donation to our annual **Back to School Drive, on now through September 30<sup>th</sup>**, to help the PTSA to ensure that teachers and departments have what they need to create an enriching and exciting space for learning. And we have a special ask this year for our **Funds for Families Drive**, which will help the PTSA to support our Madison families experiencing extreme financial hardship due to the pandemic. Please give as you are able.

Let us look out for each other this year as we focus on making this world a better place. Though we may be physically distanced right now, we are all in this together. Thank you for your support!

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katy Walum'.

Katy Walum  
Madison PTSA President