Happy New Year! I hope everyone got some rest and relaxation over the holidays and has been able to start the new year strong! 2020 is set to be a big year for PDK with many exciting events and resources rolling out to our members over the next several months. Nothing is more exciting than our June PDK2020 event, *Growing and Connecting Leaders in Education*. Registration opens in less than two weeks---we hope to see you there!

Additionally, you may have seen an email from our membership team last week regarding our upcoming price increase. We’ve worked hard over the last several years to keep our membership rates low and to provide exceptional value to our members. Read on for more information on how to lock in your current member rate by renewing today.

We’re so excited for all 2020 has in store, and we look forward to continuing to support this community of exceptional education professionals.

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**Lock in your current membership rate**

Over the past several years we hope you’ve seen an increased value in your PDK membership as we’ve revamped our long-time offerings and introduced new resources and opportunities for recognition. While we’ve worked to keep membership rates low, with a 9% cost of inflation since we last raised dues in 2014, we will be **increasing membership dues by $4.95 as of March 1, 2020.**

You can keep your current rate in 2020 by renewing today through your online [Member Portal](#).

Lapsed members can also rejoin at the current rate before March 1st.
February Virtual Town Hall

Our next Virtual Town Hall, Recruiting and Retaining Teachers of Color will be held on Tuesday, February 18th from 2pm-3pm Eastern.

PDK CEO Dr. Joshua P. Starr will be joined by noted Kappan authors Dr. Travis Bristol and Dr. Dan Goldhaber. We’ll be discussing how to recruit, retain and support teachers of color, and discussing what the data shows us about why it’s important to have a diverse teacher workforce. We’ll also be fielding questions from our audience, including PDK, Pi Lambda Theta, Educators Rising and Educators Rising Collegiate members!

Register to attend through your online Member Portal.

Registration for PDK2020 opening soon!

Don’t miss the PDK2020 conference on June 17-21, 2020 in Washington, DC! Connect with your fellow PDK Association members as well as current and aspiring educators, researchers and thought-leaders in the field. Hear from national education leaders, attend breakout sessions, networking events, and learn how to grow your chapter!

Registration opens on February 3rd. More information can be found at pdkintl.org/conference.

Check your mailbox

The Winter 2020 edition of the PDK Heritage newsletter will be hitting your mailbox in the next few weeks. Be on the lookout for this bi-annual publication highlighting the past 6 months of PDK resources and events, as well upcoming ways to get involved!
Thank you to everyone who included PDK in their year-end giving plans. PDK has engaged educators and strengthened schools over the past 114 years, so that all students thrive. By making a gift in support of our mission, we can continue this important work for another 114 years.

We couldn’t do this without you! Please visit pdkintl.org/impact to review our Impact Report which illustrates how we are growing and connecting educators together, with your support. Read stories from our members, scholarships recipients, and friends who have benefited from PDK’s work and made contributions to expand our impact.