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National PTA Urges Bipartisan Compromise to End Government Shutdown

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (Jan. 24, 2019)—The following statement can be attributed to National PTA President Jim Accomando:

“The partial government shutdown is impacting families, students and schools across the country in all areas. National PTA urges Congress and the Administration to come together immediately to address the shutdown and enact a bipartisan compromise that ends this impasse.

“Among the areas impacted, the shutdown has trapped important funds for school meal programs in budget debates. The [House-approved FY19 appropriations bill](#) for the U.S. Department of Agriculture must be adopted so students do not go hungry in schools and have the critical resources they need to learn, grow and thrive. Student nutrition and learning should not be caught in the cross hairs of the federal shutdown.

“National PTA encourages our 4 million members to mobilize by reaching out to their members of Congress, urging them to begin negotiations to reopen the government and ensure programs are funded and investments are provided that are essential to the health and success of every child.”

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