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National PTA Statement on Obama Administration's 2010 National Drug Control Strategy

Increased emphasis placed on prevention strategies to engage parents, youth

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 11, 2010) – President Obama released his Administration's 2010 National Drug Control Strategy today, highlighting an increased focus on drug prevention efforts, prescription drug abuse, and drugged driving.

All quotes should be attributed to National PTA President Charles J. "Chuck" Saylor.

"National Parent Teacher Association (PTA[®]) applauds the Administration's move toward the research-driven, community-based strategies put forth in this comprehensive attempt to curb substance abuse among our nation's youth."

"The strategy put forth today indicates an understanding of the important role of parents and responsible peers in addressing the risk factors for drug addiction before choices with irrevocable consequences are made."

"National PTA remains committed to supporting efforts to engage parents at the community level and support school-family partnerships in order to help every child achieve their full potential."

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