



SCHOOL OF  
EXCELLENCE

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Dear Families,

Goldsmith-Schiffman Elementary School was recently named a 2022-2024 National PTA School of Excellence. National PTA's School of Excellence program supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools that work to improve the educational experience and school environment for every child. Goldsmith-Schiffman Elementary School and GSES PTA are one of only 368 PTAs and schools nationwide to be designated a 2022-2024 School of Excellence.

The School of Excellence program provided guidance to assist our school in engaging families in school decision-making, and help our school build inclusive policies related to Improving Education. Becoming a National PTA School of Excellence began with the joint commitment of PTA and our phenomenal administrative team to work together to welcome all families, communicate effectively, support student success, speak up for every child, share power and collaborate with the community. By hosting events such as Kindergarten Parent Night, STEAM Night, and an info session with an iReady testing representative, families could engage to learn about supporting their student academically. Additionally, resources were shared from National PTA with our families and teachers communicated how the learning standards were linked to their classroom lessons on social media and in their classroom communication with families.

To celebrate our achievements, National PTA presented Goldsmith-Schiffman Elementary School and GSES PTA with a certificate and a National PTA School of Excellence banner to hang in their school.

“The process of working toward the PTA National School of Excellence has been critical to opening lines of communication between families and the school, strengthening the partnerships between our families and our school, as well as encouraging and increasing families as key partners in the education of our students as we work collaboratively to ensure our students’ academic success.” – Jennifer Douthit, Principal

Our school has successfully mastered these commitments and we applaud everyone for doing so. However, the path to excellence is a journey, not a destination, and we encourage your continued participation toward our goals. We are extremely proud of the work that we have done to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being of all students.

Thank you for your commitment to our school community. Thank you for helping us reach this noteworthy milestone for our school and community.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Davey  
GSES PTA President

