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Dear Board of Education members,

One of the goals of the PTFA this year is to enhance how our elected officers connect with our members and provide information that are pertinent to them in an efficient and timely manner. To that end, this term our focus has been enhancing our online resources. One way we are working towards this goal is one that actually started last spring and is required as part of our contract. Shortly after ratification of the contract, a work group was formed to build an online orientation and resource guide for newly hired part-time faculty.

Two part-time faculty who have played an integral role in the development of this resource are **Bjorn Smars** from the Developmental Studies department and **Jeannie Mayjor** from the PE/Health department. The work group met several times over the course of the last few terms to discuss and collect resources to include in this online resource guide. Jeannie and Bjorn received training on how to edit the college website and through their hard work the [Part-Time Faculty Orientation Resources](#) webpage was born! While it is still a work in progress, Bjorn and Jeannie deserve huge accolades for the time and work they have invested in this project!

Another person who has been hard at work improving our digital resources this term is **Esther Chapman**. While Esther is not teaching this term (she is on maternity leave and welcomed baby Hannah into the world in late October!), Esther found time to revamp our entire [PTFA website](#). With the redesign of this website, it is now easier than ever for part-time faculty to find important documents, get involved in college councils and committees, and connect with their elected officers.

If you have ever attempted to edit the college website, you know that it is a challenging endeavor to say the least, so the efforts of Bjorn, Jeannie, and Esther cannot go unnoticed! When you get a chance, take a peek at the fruits of their labors!

With that, I want to offer of you all the warmest of holiday wishes. I hope you are blessed with lots of family, food, and festivities in the coming month and a half. Next term I will once again be able to attend the Board of Education meetings, and look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

Sincerely,
Miranda Dudzik
PTFA President