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Dear Families and Friends of North Middle School:

On behalf of the North Middle School Parent Teacher Student Organization, I want to welcome you to a new school year and extend a special greeting to those families who are new to North. I hope you had a relaxing summer and are ready for an exciting school year.

NMS PTSO plays an important role in supporting the school's students, staff, and the greater school community. We provide programs that benefit students, advocate for excellence in our schools, educate parents and the community about the school and its needs, encourage parental involvement, and provide an important link between family and school. We hope your family will join us by becoming members. NMS PTSO membership dues are \$10 per family. Each North student in your family will receive discounted or waived admission to PTSO sponsored events. Please visit our table at North's Schedule Distribution Day on either Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM or Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

NMS PTSO uses its funds in various ways. We offer Gifts and Grants to teachers and staff, subsidize the end of the year field trips for the students, organize teacher appreciation meals and social activities for students, and make contributions to community events such as Youth Art Month and the Menomonee Falls Scholarship Foundation Dinner Auction. We also award scholarships to Menomonee Falls High School Seniors who are alumni of North Middle School.

In order to do all of the above, we must raise funds each year. Our fundraising opportunities offer everyone the chance to support the school in a way that works best for their family. We will have a catalog fundraiser in the Fall, an annual Color-A-Thon in May, and restaurant fundraising nights throughout the year. However, the simplest option of all is our "Unfundraiser". This allows you to give a direct, fully tax-deductible donation to NMS PTSO just by writing a check. You can find the Unfundraiser form on the PTSO table on Schedule Distribution Day or on North's website.

Please consider attending our PTSO meetings. It's a great way to find out what is really going on in our school and in the District. We meet on the fourth Tuesday in September, November, January, March, and May. Meetings are held at 6:30 P.M. in the NMS library. We hope to see you there. Watch for PTSO news and updates in the monthly school newsletter and on the website.

Looking forward to a great school year!

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