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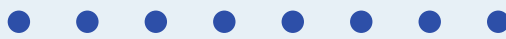
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- Commitment
- Diversity
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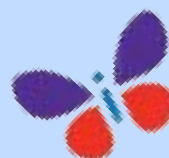
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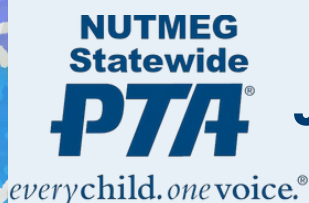


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8:15	Registration	CT PTA BOD	Hotel Lobby	
8:30	Coffee		Hallway	
8:45	Opening Remarks	Judy Goldberg President CT PTA	Grand Ballroom	All PTA Leaders
9-10:00 am	Keynote “Ask yourself “WHY”	Deborah Walsh Past National PTA Manager, Membership	Grand Ballroom	All PTA Leaders
10:00-11:00	Officer Training	Judy Goldberg Kathy Brown	Grand Ballroom	PTAs I-Z
10:00-11:00	Expo Hall		Nutmeg Ballroom	PTAs A-H
11:00-12:00	Officer Training	Judy Goldberg Kathy Brown	Grand Ballroom	PTAs A-H
11:00-12:00	Expo Hall		Nutmeg Ballroom	PTAs I-Z
12:15-12:55pm	Lunch	Expo Hall is Open During Lunch !!		
1:00pm-2pm	Advocacy/ Keynote	Deborah Walsh Jim Accomando	Grand Ballroom	All PTA Leaders
2:00-	Grants & Give Aways in the Expo Hall			

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