

## PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships

**Standard 5: Sharing power**—Families and school staff are equal partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs.

Ideas, suggestions and examples related to this standard can be found on the following pages in Anne Henderson's book *Beyond the Bake Sale: The Essential Guide to Family-School Partnerships*:

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