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Pennsylvania State Chapter

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Dear Prospective FBLA Adviser

On behalf of the PA FBLA State Management Team, we are excited that you are interested in activating an FBLA Middle Level Chapter and want to make sure you have all the information needed and all of your questions answered. Please reference the PA FBLA website for all the steps and information necessary in starting a chapter at your school. (http://pafbla.org/middlelevel/oachapter.php) and do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

The PA FBLA Middle Level Program is designed for students in grades 5-8 to experience all that the FBLA organization has to offer. Middle level students get all membership benefits of our organization, have the opportunity to attend the fall State Leadership Workshop, can participate in the Middle Level Competitive Events program, and participate in state and national membership recognition programs, all while gaining leadership and business experience.

We will continue to offer our Middle Level Competitive Events Program at the Region Leadership Conference (RLC) or at the school home-site, depending on the format decided by the individual region advisers. All middle level membership and event registration will be online. Each year, we continue to make updates to our middle level competitive events program to offer as many opportunities for our young FBLA members to experience all that our organization has to offer. It is always a focus of our state to prepare our middle level members in ways that will benefit them when they move into the high school division of FBLA.

Please reference the PA FBLA Middle Level Competitive Events Policy Handbook, posted on the PA FBLA website at <u>www.pafbla.org</u>, for all competitive event information. This includes the event competencies, individual recognition awards, chapter recognition awards, and other national program opportunities.

We continue to give Middle Level chapter awards at the state level. These include membership awards, local market share awards, and awards for recognition of participation in national middle level programs as well. All of this information is also included in the Middle Level Handbook. The state chapter will award top two state places in each competitive event.

It is always a goal of the state management team and state officer team/executive committee to increase our middle level membership and chapters. This includes increasing the amount of members in already active chapters, as well as adding and recruiting new chapters. Anyone interested in starting a middle level chapter should contact myself or Bruce Boncal, PA FBLA Executive Director, at <u>bboncal@pafbla.us</u> for more information.

Have a great year, and please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Regards

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