

Communicating the Common Core: Schools and Parents Working Together for Student Success

October 21, 2014
8:00 AM — 12:00 PM
Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT

*An event designed to help leaders of schools and the PTA work together
on communications about the Common Core.*

Keynote Address: Otha Thornton, President of National PTA



Otha Thornton, president of National PTA, is a senior operations analyst with General Dynamics in Fort Stewart, Georgia. He is a retired United States Army Lieutenant Colonel and his last two assignments were with the White House Communications Agency and United States Forces-Iraq in Baghdad. Thornton earned the Bronze Star Medal for exceptional performance in combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom 2009-2010.

Previously, Thornton served on National PTA's Board of Directors, Legislative Committee, Membership Committee, and Executive Search Committee. During his time with Georgia PTA, Thornton served on the Board of Directors as legislative chair and as an Advisory Group member for Georgia's Partnership for Excellence in Education.

Thornton received his bachelor's degree in urban studies from Morehouse College and a master's degree in communications from Michigan Technological University. He was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Michigan Technological University in 2009. Thornton has been married to Caryn, an educator, for 25 years and they reside in Richmond Hill, GA. They have a daughter and a son.

Districts are encouraged to bring a team, which may include district leaders, school leaders, teachers, PTA officers, and Board of Education members.

You must register to attend. <http://corecommunications.eventbrite.com>

