**Private Letter Ruling**

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| **Tax Type:** | **Kansas Compensating Tax; Kansas Retailers' Sales Tax** |
| **Brief Description:** | **PTA/PTO related exemptions.** |
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**Body:**

Office of Policy & Research  
  
  
December 9, 1999

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Dear XXXXXXXXXX:  
  
The purpose of this letter is to respond to your letter dated November 23, 1999. In it, you ask if the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX qualifies for exemption from Kansas retailers’ sales and compensating tax pursuant to K.S.A. 79-3606(yy). The answer is “yes.”  
  
K.S.A. 79-3606(yy) exempts from Kansas retailers' sales tax "all sales of tangible personal property and services purchased by a parent-teacher association or organization, and all sales of tangible personal property by or on behalf of such association or organization;"  
  
For purposes of the exemption extended at K.S.A. 79-3606(yy), “parent-teacher association” shall mean a nonprofit parent-teacher association chartered by the National PTA or Kansas PTA. PTAs are authorized to operate within a public or private school by the governing authority of the school. A “parent-teacher organization” means a nonprofit parent-teacher organization that is functionally equivalent to a “parent-teacher association” that is authorized by the governing authority of a public or private school to operate within the school.  
  
The PTA or PTO must operate for the benefit and support of an individual school with a defined organizational structure, purpose, and goals; and is recognized by the school as a PTA/PTO. A PTA/PTO provides programs within a school promoting the education, health and safety of children. Generally, there is only one PTA/PTO within a school and they would have long-term goals and objectives and numerous programs operating within the school.  
  
Other organizations such as "booster clubs" that operate in connection with schools usually do not qualify for exemption. These clubs or associations are organized and operated for the benefit of clubs or organizations that are recognized school organizations but are of a narrow or one-dimensional nature. They are typically operated to support a sport, band or drama group. They do not encompass the broader objectives of PTAs or PTOs. Booster clubs or other types of clubs that support sports, bands, or other extra-curricular activities do not qualify as PTA’s or PTO’s, even though they may be composed of parents, students, businesses, and others who are interested in the school or in certain facets of the educational process.  
  
For purposes of this exemption, a school is defined as an institution which meets the compulsory attendance provisions of K.S.A. 72-1111.  
  
Based solely upon the information and documents you submitted, it is the opinion of the Kansas Department of Revenue that your organization is a PTO. Therefore, the department recognizes your organization is exempt pursuant to K.S.A. 79-3606(yy).  
  
This private letter ruling is based solely on the facts provided in your request. If it is determined that undisclosed facts were material or necessary to make an accurate determination by the department, this ruling is null and void. This private letter ruling will be revoked in the future by operation of law without further department action if there is a change in the statutes, administrative regulations, or case law, or a published revenue ruling, that materially affects this private letter ruling.  
  
I have enclosed a copy of an exemption certificate for purchases by your organization. You may duplicate this certificate and issue to retailers as needed.  
  
  
Sincerely,  
  
  
Mark D. Ciardullo  
Tax Specialist  
  
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**Date Composed: 12/20/1999 Date Modified: 10/10/2001**