



## **SECURITY MEASURES TO PROTECT PTA'S BANKING INFORMATION**

Texas PTA takes security of PTA's banking information very seriously. The change to the new and improved JoinPTA.org gave us an opportunity to review and act on our overall computer and internet security. We will continue to look at ways to improve on that security.

- Bank Information is reported through a secure form (Formsite)
  - Bank data is encrypted
  - Data is stored on Formsite's secure server
  - Limited staff users have unique logins to retrieve the information
  - Accuracy of typed bank information is verified against the voided blank check
  - Information is verified to be a PTA bank account and not an individual's (this was a weakness in PTAvenue)
  
- Access to Texas PTAs computers are secure via unique user password
  - Multi factor authentication is required for computer access for staff users with access and we are moving towards that requirement for all staff
  - Phishing awareness training has been initiated for all email users
  - We are in the process of moving our server to the cloud for greater internet security
  
- Texas PTA Database (Fonteva)
  - Multi factor authentication is required for database access
  - Access to banking information fields is limited by user profile to 4 users
  - One of the 4 is limited to seeing only the last 4 digits of account numbers
  - All other users cannot see account numbers
  - Banking information is recorded in a PTAs profile by one of these users
  - Information is double checked for accuracy (this was a weakness in PTAvenue)
  
- Bank Access
  - Only 2 users have access to the bank site used to upload ACH information for payment
  - Multifactor authentication is used to access the site
  - The site is very secure using banking and NACHA protocols