

ADOPTED 2018 RESOLUTIONS

RETENTIONS

RETENTION #1 – RETAINED

INFLUENCE OF MEDIA ON TOBACCO USE – 2018 (R-'11, U-'04);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. encourage units/councils to educate the public that viewing media that depict tobacco use greatly increases the probability that children and youth will experiment with and become addicted to tobacco.

RETENTION #2 – RETAINED

ENFORCEMENT OF CURRENT REGULATIONS FOR PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES - 2018 (R-'11, R-'04, R-'97, R-'90, R-'83);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. oppose any changes in federal or state laws and/or regulations that could lead to delays or extensions of state deadlines regarding the evaluation and appropriate placement of children and youth with disabilities.

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA oppose any changes in federal or state laws and/or regulations that would allow any increase in class size.

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA urge the Commissioner of Education to strongly enforce all the current regulations regarding the education of children and youth with disabilities.

RETENTION #3 – RETAINED

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM – 2018 (R-'11, R-'04, R-'97, R-'90);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. encourage development and support of the Community Schools Program in areas where needed and appropriate.

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA promote continued allocation of the resources necessary for the continuance and expansion of the Community Schools Program.

RETENTION #4 – RETAINED

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARENT MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (CSE) AND THE COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION (CPSE) -2018 (R-'11, U-'04, R-'97, U-'90);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. support maintaining a parent member as a mandated member of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA urge New York State Education Department's Office for Special Education Services to require training through the Special Education Training and Resource Center (SETRC) for the parent member on the CSE and CPSE.

**RETENTION #5 – RETAINED
RECESS FOR STUDENTS – 2018 (R-'11, R-'04);**

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urge the Board of Regents and the New York State Education Department to encourage every school district to offer at least twenty minutes a day of supervised, unstructured time (recess) for all elementary students in New York State.

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA urge that recess not be eliminated from a child's school day due to academic failure and that teachers, parents and administrators consider alternative behavior modification methods before denying any child recess activities.

**RETENTION #6 – RETAINED
SCHOOL COUNSELORS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS- 2018 (R-'11, U-'02, U-'01, R-'94, R-'87);**

RESOLVED that the New York Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urge the State Education Department and Board of Regents to require certified school counselors in all public secondary schools.

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA urge the State Education Department and the Board of Regents to establish a maximum number of students per school counselor in all public secondary schools and that this ratio not exceed 200 to 1.

**RETENTION #7 – RETAINED
SEWAGE WASTE PROBLEMS – 2018 (R-'11, U-'04, R-'97, R-'90, R-'83);**

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. support state legislation for environmental air quality and health risk studies of proposed and existing sewage plants.

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA urge authorities to establish regulations and enforce existing statutes and regulations in regard to indiscriminate use of sanitary sewage systems for the disposal of unlawful material (toxic waste) by industrial, commercial, and residential users.

RETENTION #8 – RETAINED

TOXIC ART SUPPLIES – 2018 (R-'11, U-'04, R-'97, R-'90, R-'83);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urge school districts to evaluate the art products used in their schools and to seek removal of such products as may be necessary for the health and safety of students.

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA work to educate parents and community members about how to identify unsafe or toxic art supplies.

RETENTION #9 – RETAINED

MANDATED DEADLINE FOR STATE BUDGET– 2018 (R-'11, R-'04, R-'97);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.'s units and councils educate their community about the effects of a late state budget on its school district.

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA's units and councils urge the legislature to meet its constitutional duty by passing the budget on time.

RETENTION #10 – RETAINED

LEVELING UP LOW WEALTH DISTRICTS – 2018 (R-'11, R-'04, R-'97, R-'90, R-'83);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. continue to support state aid formulas that provide for more equitable educational opportunity by leveling up the low wealth districts.

RETENTION #11 – RETAINED

HEAD INJURIES – 2018 (R-'11, U-'04, R-'97);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. seek and support legislation establishing a state tracking system for head injuries in all children and students and a record that would follow each child and student from year to year.

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA urge local school districts and community athletic organizations to include the addition of head injuries on health summaries and yearly physical forms.

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA local units and councils educate their communities on the dangers of head injuries.

RETENTION #12 – RETAINED

INERT INGREDIENT LISTING ON PESTICIDE PRODUCTS – 2018 (R-'11, R-'04, R-'97);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urge and support legislation which would require pesticide manufacturers and formulators

to disclose by product labeling the total composition of pesticide products including each inert ingredient in the formulation.

RETENTION #13 – RETAINED

CPR/AED AND FIRST AID – 2018 (R-'11, R-'04, U-'97, R-'90, R-'83);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. encourage the New York State Education Department to require, and encourage funding for, all schools to provide the opportunity for all school personnel to receive annual training in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)/automated external defibrillation (AED) and first aid.

RETENTION #14 – RETAINED

RAPID WEIGHT LOSS/GAIN DIETS – 2018 (R-'11, R-'04, R-'97, R-'90, R-'83);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. encourage school districts to include as part of nutrition education the possible health hazards of rapid weight loss diets.

RESOLVED that coaches not encourage rapid weight loss or gain for participation in sports programs.

RETENTION #15 – RETAINED

FINGERPRINTING CHILDREN – 2018 (R-'11, R-'04, R-'97, R-'90, R-'83);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., in areas where fingerprinting programs are to be implemented, urge the local units and councils to adopt the following guidelines: (1) Seek advice and cooperation from police departments so that fingerprints are taken properly. (2) Program should be arranged for other than school hours (evenings or Saturday) so that there is no possibility of fingerprinting a child without a parent's or guardian's permission. (3) A parent or guardian must accompany the child to the fingerprinting program. (4) All sets of fingerprints should be retained by the parent or guardian, thus avoiding conflicts over lost fingerprints or any question of improper use of fingerprints. (5) The cost of the program, if possible, should be defrayed by nominal fees. (6) Parent or guardian should be advised of how best to retain fingerprint records.

RETENTION #16 – RETAINED

LIMITING CHILD LABOR – 2018 (R-'11, U-'04, R-'97, U-'90);

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA urge its units and councils to inform parents of the existing child labor laws and the effects of inappropriate work experience on the education, social development, safety and health of our children.

RETENTION #17 – RETAINED

TRAFFIC LIGHT INSTALLATION AT SCHOOLS WHICH ARE LOCATED ON STATE OWNED ROADS – 2018 (R-'11, R-'04, U-'97, R-'90);

RESOLVED that New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. support the passage of legislation that would enable the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to expend funds for the installation and maintenance of traffic lights at schools which are located on state owned roads.

RETENTION #18 – RETAINED

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER 911 – 2018 (R-'11, R-'04, R-'97, R-'90, R-'83);

RESOLVED that New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urge its units, councils, and districts to disseminate information to its members regarding the emergency telephone number 911, both its proper use and precautions about misuse.

RETENTION #19 – RETAINED

YOUTH CAMP SAFETY – 2018 (R-'11, R-'04, R-'97, R-'90, R-'83);

RESOLVED that New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. support the passage of a federal youth camp safety act.

RETENTION #20 – RETAINED

HAZARDS FROM LAND, WATER, AIR, NOISE, AND LIGHT POLLUTION – 2018 (R-'10, U-'03, U-'96, R-'89, U-'82);

RESOLVED that New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. support federal and state programs such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, the "Super Fund" and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

UPDATES

UPDATE 1 – ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

HEALTHY SCHOOL FOODS – 2018 (U-'11, R-'04);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. support initiatives that would encourage local school districts to provide optional plant-based vegetarian and vegan school entrees and nutrition education materials and instruction; eliminate high calorie, high fat, low nutrition desserts from the menu; eliminate a la carte and vending items that are low nutrient, high calorie, high fat or high sodium and replace them with high nutrient and generally low calorie items; and support Farm to School programs, including organic foods where possible.

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA encourage its units/councils to educate parents and school district staff about healthy eating patterns, including plant-based entrees.

RESOLVED that the New York State PTA urge its units/councils to participate in the decision making about implementing, within their own schools and school districts, healthy choices, such as plant-based vegetarian or vegan, in school lunch programs.

**UPDATE #2 – ADOPTED AS PRESENTED
TO REQUIRE COMMITTEES ON SCHOOL HEALTH AS A MEANS OF EFFECTIVELY USING SCHOOL
TIME – 2018 (U-'11, R-'04, R-'97);**

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urge the Board of Regents and the State Education Department to require every school district to establish a district wide comprehensive school health and wellness advisory committee which would include health and education professionals, parents, community leaders, and other stakeholders.

**UPDATE #3 – ADOPTED AS PRESENTED
MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN – 2018 (U-'11, U-'04, R-'97, R-'90, R-'83);**

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. inform its members of the provisions of legislation regarding missing and exploited children, such as the Bringing Missing Children Home Act, the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, the Kevin and Avonte's Law, and Amber Alerts.

**UPDATE #4 – ADOPTED AS PRESENTED
SCHOOL PRAYER AMENDMENT – 2018 (U-'11, R-'04, R-'97, R-'90, R-'83);**

RESOLVED that New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. oppose a constitutional amendment that mandates organized prayer in public schools.

**UPDATE #5 – ADOPTED AS PRESENTED
SEAT BELT USAGE ON SCHOOL BUSES – 2018 (U-'11, R-'04, R-'97, R-'90, R-'83);**

RESOLVED that New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. encourage its units and councils to support the use of seat belts on all school buses.

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. seek and support federal legislation to require seat belts on school buses.

**UPDATE #6 – ADOPTED AS PRESENTED
SAFETY ITEMS ON SCHOOL BUSES – 2018 (U-'11, U-'04, R-'97, R-'90, R-'83);**

RESOLVED that New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urge school districts to purchase and/or contract for school buses with optional safety equipment, such as video cameras, two-way radios, external strobe lights, and Child Safety Alarm Systems.

RESCISSIONS

RESCISSION #1 – RESCINDED

MULTIPLE DAY TEST ADMINISTRATION FOR ALL STUDENTS WITH EXTENDED TIME AND TWO REGENTS ON THE SAME DAY – 2011 (R-'04);

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. seek to have the New York State Education Department revise its policy so that all students who have extended test time of any duration as determined by the Committee on Special Education or 504 Committee, be permitted to use multiple day test accommodation when scheduled for two Regents exams on the same day, regardless of the student's particular disability or management needs.

RESOLVED that New York State PTA seek to have the New York State Education Department revise its procedure that will grant the local school district CSE or 504 Committee the authority to make the decision to allow the use of multiple day test accommodation with an obligation to inform the New York State Education Department through its building principal, but not require NYSED's approval for accommodation.

NEW

NEW RESOLUTION #1 – ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

RAISING THE MINIMUM SALES AGE OF TOBACCO AND OTHER NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS TO 21 – 2018

RESOLVED that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers urge the raising of the sale of cigarettes and ENDS to 21 years of age statewide, and be it further

RESOLVED that the NYS PTA will urge its units, councils and regions to advocate for the education of parents/guardians and community members about the dangers of tobacco and ENDS and how they affect middle school and high school aged students.