



2023 ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

RETENTIONS

Retention # 1 Retained 2023

LABELING OF MILK PRODUCTS – 2016 (U-'09, R-'02, U-'01, R-'94)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urges the New York State Legislators to mandate that all milk coming from cows fed, injected with, or that have been administered hormones be labeled.

Retention # 2 Retained 2023

PENALTIES FOR PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS – 2016 (R-'09, R-'02, R-'95, R-'88)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. seeks stronger enforcement of the existing law that requires all vehicles to stop and not pass a stopped school bus when its red lights are flashing.

UPDATES

Update #1 Updated 2023

DETOXIFICATION OF MINORS – 2016 (U-'09)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA), urges that public and private licensed detoxification services and substance use disorder treatment facilities for minors be made available within close proximity to an adolescent's area of residency at or above the level of access as available to adults, and be it further

Resolved that NYS PTA seeks and supports legislation that gives parents and guardians rightful authority over a minor to obtain mental and medical assessment of such minor in order to determine whether they require involuntary detoxification and stabilization, and be it further

Resolved that the NYS PTA seeks and supports increased legislation that would give substance use disorder treatment decision-making authority to substance use disorder treatment professionals and remove authority from insurance companies, and be it further

Resolved that the NYS PTA supports funding for recovery from substance use disorders, such as the Federal Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) and the National Youth Recovery Initiative, be dispersed throughout the state, and be it further

Resolved that the NYS PTA urges its units, councils, and regions to advocate for the education of parents/guardians, families, students, school staff, and community members about the dangers of substance use disorder and the treatment options available for minors.

Update # 2 Updated 2023

POINT OF SALE ACCESSIBILITY AND ADVERTISING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS – 2016 (U-'09, R-'02, U-'00)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA) urges and supports stricter legislation requiring that any establishment selling tobacco, electronic nicotine delivery systems, or any other nicotine-containing products not engage in point-of-sale advertising of these products, except in adult only settings, and be it further

Resolved that the NYS PTA urges and supports legislation that would prohibit any visible or audio advertising at the point of sale, where underage persons might be exposed.

Update # 3 Updated 2023

STUDENT PARTICIPATION – 2016 (R-'09, R-'02, R-'95, R-'88)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA) encourages units in secondary schools, SEPTAs/SEPTSAs, PTA councils, Community PTA units, and PTA regions to have secondary school students on their boards, and be it further

Resolved that the NYS PTA urges school boards and districts to establish channels for regular dialogue with secondary school students representing a cross-section of the students enrolled in the school district.

Update #4 Updated 2023

PARENT PARTICIPATION – 2016 (U-'09, R-'02, R-'95, R-'88)

Resolved that the New York State Education Department (NYSED) advise and inform the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA) and local school boards of the existence of all state-mandated school committees, and be it further

Resolved that NYS PTA urges NYSED state and local agencies, and school boards to appoint PTA members to serve on state-mandated school committees concerning children, wherever appropriate, and be it further

Resolved that NYS PTA and its regions, units, and councils recommend parent/guardian representatives to serve on school committees wherever appropriate.

Update #5 Updated 2023

COMMUNICATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS (Part 200) – 2016 (U-'09, U- '02, R-'95, R-'88)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., (NYS PTA) urges the New York State Education Department and its Regional Offices to maintain ongoing two-way communication with parents, guardians, PTAs/SEPTAs, and BOCES on a regular basis and share information through parent training information centers/family engagement centers, and be it further

Resolved that regional communication includes identification of any unmet needs within the region regarding the education of students with disabilities, and be it further

Resolved that regional reporting of data and evaluation of services provided to students with disabilities be shared with parents, guardians, school districts, and educators.

Update #6 Updated 2023

THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT – 2016 (U-'09, U-'02)

Resolved that the reauthorization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) be for a maximum of five years, and be it further

Resolved that the IDEA provide full funding for programs and services, and that the full funding be designated in the federal education budget each year, and be it further

Resolved that the U.S. Department of Education continue to monitor the implementation of IDEA requirements for the education of all children.

Update #7 Updated 2023

SIGN LANGUAGE – 2016 (R-'09, U-'02, U-'95, R-'88)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urges school districts to offer American Sign Language (ASL).

Update #8 Updated 2023

MERCURY REDUCTION IN THE ENVIRONMENT --- 2016 (U-'09, U-'02)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA) supports legislation to reduce mercury discharge into the environment and to regulate industry contributing to mercury pollution by emissions or in products by including evidence-based minimum standards, and be it further

Resolved that the NYS PTA encourages local units and councils to inform and educate all communities regarding the hazards of mercury exposure and means of reducing exposure, including but not limited to the proper clean up and disposal of mercury containing products, and be it further

Resolved that the NYS PTA encourages local school boards to eliminate or reduce the use of mercury products in schools.

Update # 9 Updated 2023

GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOs), GENETICALLY ENGINEERED (GE) FOODS, AND BIOENGINEERED FOODS – 2016

Resolved that New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers Inc. (NYS PTA) supports legislation and regulations that require mandatory labeling of all foods, with clear and conspicuous words, of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), Genetically Engineered (GE) foods, and Bioengineered foods, and be it further

Resolved that NYS PTA supports legislation and regulations that restrict pesticide tolerant GMOs, GE, and Bioengineered foods, from use in food and beverages provided by school meal programs and vending services, and be it further

Resolved that until such legislation and regulations are in effect, all school districts be encouraged to avoid the use of foods and beverages that contain pesticide tolerant GMOs, GE, and Bioengineered foods, provided by the school meal programs and vending services, and be it further

Resolved that NYS PTA encourages units and councils to educate parents and community members on the health and environmental effects of pesticide tolerant GMOs, GE, and Bioengineered food products.

Update #10 Updated 2023

SCHOOL NURSES – 2016 (R-'09, R-'02, R-'95, R-'88)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urges the New York State Education Department to mandate a full-time, registered nurse in every school building.

Update #11 Updated 2023

UNBIASED, CURRENT, AND ACCESSIBLE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS – 2016 (R-'09, R-'02, U-'01, R-'94, R-'87)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA) urges local units and councils to communicate with and educate school boards and leaders of the continuing need for educational materials that provide age- and developmentally-appropriate, factual, unbiased, and comprehensive information, and be it further

Resolved that the NYS PTA encourages school boards to purchase age- and developmentally-appropriate educational materials which present unbiased current information and facts, and be it further

Resolved that every New York State school district ensures that all educational materials to be used in schools are available in accessible alternative formats.

Update #12 Updated 2023

TV/VIDEO VIEWING IN SCHOOLS – 2016 (R-'09, U-'02, R-'95)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA) encourages the adoption of regulations that would require every school district to have a policy for the use of the following, including but not limited to movies, videos, streaming platforms, and television in all classrooms, and be it further

Resolved that this policy be formulated with parent/guardian and school community involvement.

Update #13 Updated 2023

IRS MILEAGE DEDUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS – 2016 (R-'09, R-'02, R-'95, R-'88)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. supports an amendment to the Internal Revenue Code to allow volunteers the same standard of deduction for their mileage rate as that used by business people in computing their expense deduction.

Update #14 Updated 2023

SCHOOL BUS STOP VULNERABILITY – 2016 (U-'09, U-'02, U-'01, R-'94)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., (NYS PTA) encourages PTA units and councils to raise awareness of student vulnerability at school bus stops, and be it further

Resolved that NYS PTA urges school districts and leaders to develop and clearly communicate school bus stop safety guidelines and parental/guardian responsibility for monitoring and protecting their children until the school bus arrives and the students board the bus.

Update #15 Updated 2023

ADULT SUPERVISION – 2016 (R-'09, R-'02, R-'95, R-'88)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA), urges local school boards to provide adult supervision of children during lunch, recess, and dismissal at a minimum of one adult responsible for up to 25 students in each area where such activities take place.

Update #16 Updated 2023

HORSEBACK RIDING SAFETY – 2016 (R-'09, U-'02, R-'98, R-'91)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. supports stronger legislation to enact a riding safety code for operators of horseback riding facilities to reduce the chance of injury.

RESCISSIONS

Rescission #1 Rescinded 2023

SALE OF TOBACCO TO MINORS – 2016 (U-'09, R-'02, R-'95, R-'88)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., urge local units to seek the cooperation of their local law enforcement agencies in enforcing the law banning the sale of tobacco and nicotine delivery products to minors and those local ordinances pertaining to it, and be it further

Resolved that the New York State PTA urge its local units to communicate with their local governments expressing their desire to see stringent penalties for offense of these laws and to seek local ordinances banning cigarette machines, demanding their removal after first offense or at least regulating their locations within an establishment, making them less accessible.

Rescission #2 Rescinded 2023

SPECIAL EDUCATION – 2016 (R-'09, U-'02, R-'95, R-'88)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urges the State Education Department to change the regulations to read that all children with disabling conditions

from age 11 and up are entitled to career and technical training for “real work” by using the New York State Education Department Career Development Occupational Study (CDOS) Standards, and be it further

Resolved that the New York State PTA urges the State Education Department to monitor school districts carefully to ensure continued compliance.

Rescission #3 Rescinded 2023

EDUCATION ON THE SAFE USE OF DEET – 2016

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers Inc. urges units and councils to educate parents, teachers, and the community on the correct usage and potential dangers of incorrect usage of products containing DEET using the most current available positions of reliable medical experts, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Rescission #4 Rescinded 2023

REFORM OF STATE AID TO EDUCATION – 2016 (R-'09, R-'02, R-'95, R-'88)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. supports and encourages legislation that would set a minimum level of state aid of at least 50% of the total educational costs for the state, and be it further

Resolved that the New York State PTA supports and encourages legislation to create built-in minimum levels of funding for state-prescribed staffing ratios and other mandates.

Rescission #5 Rescinded 2023

HAZING – 2016 (R-'09, U-'02, U-'01, R-'94, R-'87)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers Inc. urges that schools educate their students and that PTAs educate their members as to the possible dangers that may occur in hazings.

NEW RESOLUTIONS

New Resolution #1

REGULATION OF VIDEO GAME GAMBLING

Whereas loot boxes are a popular gambling-like randomized monetization feature embedded within video games, and

- Whereas** there are no regulations for the buying, selling, or implementation of loot boxes, and
- Whereas** loot box purchasing is associated with problem gambling behaviors in youth and adolescents, therefore be it
- Resolved** that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA) supports the classification of loot boxes as a form of gambling, and be it further
- Resolved** that NYS PTA urges the creation and implementation of regulations overseeing the sale, purchase, and implementation of loot boxes, and be it further
- Resolved** that NYS PTA urges video game companies to assign higher age limits and include gambling content descriptors on any game produced with embedded loot boxes, and be it further
- Resolved** that NYS PTA encourages the education of youth, parents/guardians, families, educators, school staff, and community members about the impacts of gambling-like monetization features in video games.
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New Resolution #2

YOUTH GAMBLING

- Whereas** gambling is addictive, similar to alcohol and other substances, and can lead to risky behaviors, and
- Whereas** gambling is not currently included in health education regulation and evidence-based youth gambling education has been proven effective, therefore be it
- Resolved** that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA) urges the NYS Education Department to issue evidence-based guidance regarding the dangers of youth gambling and gambling addiction, and be it further
- Resolved** that NYS PTA urges local school boards to adopt and implement evidence-based, age- and developmentally-appropriate curriculum on youth gambling prevention, and be it further
- Resolved** that the NYS PTA encourages units and councils to educate school administrators, school staff, youth, parents/guardians, families and community members on the harmful effects of gambling on youth.