



2024 Adopted Resolutions

Update #1 UPDATED 2024

MONITORS ON SCHOOL BUSES — 2017-R (R-'10, U-'03, R-'96, R-'89, U-'82)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA) encourage local school boards to allocate in school budgets to pay for hiring and training school bus monitors, and be it further

Resolved that the NYS PTA seeks legislation that identifies school bus monitors as an integral and aidable part of the transportation of children in grades K-6 to and from school.

Update # 2 UPDATED 2024

COMPREHENSIVE K-12 DRUG, ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION EDUCATION — 2017- U (U-'10, U-'02)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA), urges the New York State Education Department to mandate evidence-based, age- and developmentally-appropriate comprehensive K-12 drug, alcohol, and other substance use prevention education and be it further

Resolved that NYS PTA urges the NYS Legislature to annually fund evidence-based, age- and developmentally-appropriate, comprehensive K-12 drug, alcohol, and other substance use prevention education and be it further

Resolved that NYS PTA urges school districts to form substance use education coalitions, inviting representatives from law enforcement, media, community partners, parents/guardians, families, administrators and school staff, students, and health care professionals to develop, implement, and evaluate for effectiveness prevention education programs in their schools.

Update # 3 UPDATED 2024

FUNDING AND EXPANSION OF ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND SETTINGS FOR STUDENTS AT RISK — 2017 - R (R-'10, U-'03, R-'96, R-'89)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA), supports the allocation of adequate and unrestricted fiscal resources from the State to support alternative high school programs and settings for students at risk and be it further

Resolved that NYS PTA support the expansion of alternative high school programs and settings for students at risk to include the provision of counseling services, and programs designed to meet the particular needs of students at risk.

Update #4 UPDATED 2024

USE OF POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS – 2017 - U (R-'10, U-'03, R-'96, R-'89)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., (NYS PTA) seeks and supports legislation that would ban the use, production, and sale of polystyrene products at all state and public school facilities and be it further

Resolved that NYS PTA and its constituent associations eliminate polystyrene products at all PTA-sponsored events.

Update #5 UPDATED 2024

VEHICLE TRAFFIC LAW PERTAINING TO STOPPED SCHOOL BUSES — 2017 - R (R- '10, R-'03, R-'96)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA) supports programs to raise awareness of dangerous traffic situations at school bus stops and be it further

Resolved that the NYS PTA seeks and supports legislation to prohibit the establishment of bus stops at intersections or within 100 feet of intersections unless the Board of Education adopts a resolution indicating that an intersection location is unavoidable.

Update #6 UPDATED 2024

ALTERNATIVE PEST MANAGEMENT (PEST CONTROL) — 2017 - R (R-'10, U-'03, R-'96, R-'89);

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., urges school districts to use alternative non-toxic pest management systems in order to protect children's health, safety and environment.

Statement: This resolution should be updated. It is imperative that we continue to advocate for safe alternative pest management systems in our schools and environment for the health and safety of all children and youth.

Update #7 UPDATED 2024

HAZARDS FROM LAND, WATER, AIR, NOISE AND LIGHT POLLUTION — 2017 (R-'10, U-'03, U-'96, R-'89, U-'82);

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., (NYS PTA) supports federal and state programs seeks strict implementation and oversight of the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA "SuperFund"), and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and be it further

Resolved that NYS PTA encourages its units and councils to educate the public about various environmental hazards and effective ways to reduce exposure, including the safe cleanup and disposal of hazardous materials.

Update #8 UPDATED 2024

FOOD INSPECTION AND REGULATION — 2017 - R (R-'10, R-'03, R-'96, R-'89, U-'82)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., supports the enforcement of existing regulations and guidance and the proper inspection and regulation of food by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture the NYS Department- of Health, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, Food Safety and Inspection Service, and other agencies, to prevent mislabeling, detect contamination, and maintain compliance throughout the process.

Update # 9 PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION, SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS — 2017 - U (R-'10, R-'03, R-'96, R-'89, U-'82)

Update #10 UPDATED 2024

FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION (FCC) BROADCASTING REGULATIONS— 2017 - R (R-'10, R-'03, R-'96)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., urges the broadcast industry to comply with the FCC "safe harbor" provisions for children.

Update #11 UPDATED 2024

CHILD CARE SERVICES — 2017 - R (R-'10, U-'03, R-'96, R-'89, R-'82)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc (NYS PTA) urges the state legislature to increase child care subsidies and funding to increase accessibility to equitable quality child care services and provide accessible professional development and quality grants programs for child care providers and be it further resolved

Resolved that the NYS PTA supports enforcement of legislation requiring home child care providers to register.

Update #12 UPDATED 2024

PREVENTIVE HEALTH PROGRAMS — 2017 - R (R-'10, U-'03, U-'96, R-'89, R-'82)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. encourages school districts to develop partnerships with community health providers to increase equitable access to age-appropriate preventive health programs, including but not limited to prenatal and well-child care, newborn screenings, immunizations, nutritional screenings, oral health,

vision, and hearing screenings, scoliosis and blood pressure screenings, lead poisoning and tuberculin skin tests, and voluntary screening for genetic diseases.

Rescission #1 RESCINDED 2024

SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN SUPERMARKETS — 2017 - R (R-'10, R-'03, U-'96, R-'89, U-'82);

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. opposes any legislation permitting the sale of liquor and wine in supermarkets, convenience stores and drug stores.

Rescission #2 RESCINDED 2024

FULL ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE, ACCURATE, AND AGE-APPROPRIATE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER/QUESTIONING (LGBTQ)-AFFIRMING RESOURCES (2017)

Resolved that New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. supports legislation and regulations that require full access to comprehensive, accurate, and age-appropriate LGBTQ-affirming resources for all public school students, and be it further

Resolved that until such legislation and regulations are in effect, New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. encourage local school districts to write policies that provide full access to comprehensive, accurate, and age-appropriate LGBTQ affirming resources in schools, such as books (fiction and nonfiction), periodicals, websites for local LGBTQ resources, and affirming support staff, and be it further

Resolved that New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. encourage units and councils to educate parents, staff, and community members on available LGBTQ affirming resources for LGBTQ students.

Rescission #3 RESCINDED 2024

MANDATED FIRE DRILLS — R – 2017 (R-10, R-03, U-'96, R-'89)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urge the New York State Education Department to consider amending the requirement of mandated fire drills so that at least one drill occurs annually during non-classroom situations, and before/after school instructions for all building occupants.

Rescission #4 RESCINDED 2024

COMPULSORY EDUCATION — 2017 - R (R – 10, R'03, R'96, R-'89);

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., support legislation that would amend the Education Law to change the compulsory education attendance age to seventeen

Rescission #5 RESCINDED 2024

ESTABLISH A LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO REFORM STATE AID TO EDUCATION FORMULAS — 2017 – (R'10, R'03)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., encourage the NYS Legislature to establish a task force to study current and proposed school aid formulas and develop a funding solution that is adequate, equitable, predictable and understandable

Rescission #6 RESCINDED 2024

BACKGROUND CHECKS OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES — 2010 (U'03, R'96, R'89)

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urge school districts to do thorough background checks of school employees before employment and to request verification that background checks are performed on employees of companies under contract with the school district who may come in direct contact with the school districts children.

NOTE: At the 2024 Convention, 'Youth in Cults' resolution (update) and '3020-A' resolution (retention) were erroneously added to the list of eligible resolutions for consideration. These resolutions were previously rescinded in 2017. Both Resolutions remain RESCINDED by the 2017 delegates. We apologize for this error.