

RESOLUTIONS

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What is a resolution? Simply, a resolution addresses a problem, concern or issue and the action to resolve. Formally, a resolution. . .

- is a statement about the will or intent of the association
- is a call to action
- outlines action via a formal statement
- takes the form of a motion submitted in writing
- is adopted by a vote of the membership

What purpose do resolutions serve?

Resolutions are one segment of the advocacy work of National PTA, Illinois PTA, region, districts, council and local PTAs. In conjunction with position statements adopted, resolutions provide direction for advocacy and carry the weight of the members behind them to direct and inform our efforts on behalf of children, families and schools.

What does a resolution look like and why does it look that way?

- Whereas – the “Why?” statements that describe the issue, show the reason for the resolution, and provide information
 - Require background material and rationale
 - Require three background primary references from three sources for each “Whereas” statement
- Resolved – the call for action
 - Direct the PTA to act
 - State the action(s) needed by PTA to help solve the problem

What resources are available for information and training?

- Illinois PTA website illinoisPTA.org – Click on Leadership Resources / Advocacy – which includes:
 - Resolutions: Step-by-step; Resolution’s Criteria; Resolutions: Submission Checklist
- National PTA website: pta.org – Click on Advocacy / Resolutions / Resolutions Toolkit
- National PTA e-learning course: “Writing and Proposing PTA Resolutions”
- Your Illinois PTA Resolutions committee

What can you do with Resolutions information?

- Inform your members on significant topics Illinois PTA and National PTA is working on
- Encourage your members to become involved in these issues at a local, state or federal level
- Use Illinois PTA and National PTA resolutions to support your advocacy work
- Write your own resolution(s) on important topics affecting children and youth in your community, region/council or state

For additional information regarding Resolutions, please contact Illinois PTA Resolution Committee at info@illinoispta.org.