

VIOLENCE IN THE SCHOOLS

- Whereas, The incidence of unrest and disruption in schools of our nation is steadily increasing; and
- Whereas, Children need to feel secure traveling to and from school and within the school building for adequate learning to occur; and
- Whereas, In 1987, a federally funded 20-state National Adolescent Student Health Survey of more than 11,000 adolescents found that an average 34.5 percent were threatened with violence while at school or on a school bus; now therefore be it
- Resolved, That the National PTA shall make available to its constituent bodies information as to the causes of school violence which would assist in the development of state/local school guidelines for school safety; and be it further
- Resolved, That the National PTA urge its state PTAs to request their state boards of education to require school districts to develop school safety guidelines; and be it further
- Resolved, That local parent/community safety advisory teams be formed to assist with the development of guidelines which address discipline, safety and procedures for crisis intervention; and be it further
- Resolved, That the discipline and school safety guidelines be available for parental and community review before adoption by the local school board or the local governing body.
- Adopted: by the 1990 Convention Delegates
Reviewed: by the 1993 and 1998 Convention Resolutions Committee