



ADOPTED* 2010 RESOLUTIONS

RETENTION #1—Adopted as presented

SALE of ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES in SUPERMARKETS – 2010 (R-'03, U-'96, R-'89, U-'82);

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

RETENTION #2 – Adopted as presented

3020-A HEARINGS – 2010 (R-'03, R-'96, R-'89, U-'82);

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. support modification to Education Law 3020-a to expedite the resolution of charges while preserving the rights of the teacher or administrator.

RETENTION #3 –Adopted as presented

COMPULSORY EDUCATION – 2010 (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.

RETENTION #4 – Adopted as presented

ESTABLISH a LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE to REFORM STATE AID to EDUCATION FORMULAS – 2010 (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.

RETENTION #5 – Adopted as presented

FOOD INSPECTION and REGULATION – 2010 (R-'03, R-'96, R-'89, U-'82);

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. support the proper inspection and regulation of food by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and other agencies, such as the NYS Dept. of Health (DOH), to prevent mislabeling and to detect contamination.

**RETENTION #6 – Adopted as presented
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS – 2010 (R-'03, R-'96, R-'89, U-'82);**

- Resolved** that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. oppose any cuts in the National School Lunch Program.
- Resolved** that the New York State PTA urge Congress to reauthorize school lunch and breakfast programs and the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).
- Resolved** that the New York State PTA urge school districts and schools that do not yet have them, where there is a demonstrated need, to initiate them and operate them in accordance with the federal guidelines even though they may no longer be required by law.

**RETENTION #7 – Adopted as presented
PROTECTING YOUTH in CULTS – 2010 (R-'03, R-'96; R-'89, U-'82);**

- Resolved** that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urge enforcement of all compulsory education, abuse, neglect, and health laws for those minor children being raised by "cults."
- Resolved** that the New York State PTA support legislation that will enable the courts, upon sufficient evidence that radical changes in behavior have coincided with an individual's close association with a certain group, to grant parents conservatorship for a reasonable period of time over their child.

**RETENTION #8 – Adopted as presented
FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION (FCC) - EDUCATION REGARDING RADIO
BROADCASTING –2010 (R-'03, R-'96);**

- Resolved** that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. encourage the radio broadcast industry to comply with the letter and spirit of the FCC "safe harbor" provisions for children.
- Resolved** that the New York State PTA encourage the radio broadcast industry, and particularly those stations that appeal to children, to broadcast language and material that is suitable for children.
- Resolved** that the New York State PTA urge units and councils to educate parents about the need to monitor their children's radio listening and about the FCC "safe harbor" provisions and procedures for filing complaints.

**RETENTION #9 – Adopted as presented
CHANGE in the VEHICLE TRAFFIC LAW PERTAINING to STOPPED SCHOOL BUSES – 2010
(R-'03, R-'96);**

- Resolved** that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. support programs to raise the awareness of dangerous traffic situations at school bus stops.

Resolved that the New York State PTA seek and support legislation to prevent a vehicle from making turns toward a school bus while it is discharging or receiving passengers to change the law to read "any" where it now reads "either" in section 1174(a) Vehicles and Traffic Law.

Resolved that the New York State PTA seek and support 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.

**RETENTION #10 – Adopted as presented
MANDATED FIRE DRILLS – 2010 (R-'03, U-'96, R-'89);**

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urge the SED 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.

**UPDATE #1—Adopted as presented
COMPREHENSIVE K-12 DRUG, ALCOHOL and SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION
– 2010 (U-'02);**

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urge SED and the Legislature to mandate and fund comprehensive K-12 drug, alcohol and other substance abuse prevention education.

Resolved that the New York State PTA urge school districts to form substance abuse education coalitions, to develop and oversee prevention programs in their schools. These coalitions should be encouraged to include all interested parties such as law enforcement, media, community, parents, teachers, administrators, students and health care professionals.

Resolved that all substance abuse prevention programs be evaluated regularly to measure effectiveness. Programs shall be modified based on evaluation and trends in student attitudes and behaviors.

**UPDATE #2 – Adopted as presented
ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS and SETTINGS FOR STUDENTS AT RISK – 2010
(U-'03, R-'96, R-'89);**

Resolved that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. support the educational concept of alternative high school programs and settings for students at risk.

Resolved that New York State PTA seek adequate fiscal resources from the State to support alternative high school programs and settings for students at risk that include the provision of counseling services, and further that the funding be unrestricted in nature so that school districts have the flexibility to support programs designed to meet the particular needs of their students at risk.

UPDATE #3 – Adopted as presented

USE OF POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS – 2010 (U-'03, R-'96, R-'89);

- Resolved** that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. seek and support legislation that would ban the use of polystyrene products at all state and public school facilities.
- Resolved** that the New York State PTA urge the state to encourage local municipalities to issue their own ban on polystyrene products.
- Resolved** that the New York State PTA and its constituent units work to eliminate polystyrene products at all PTA-sponsored events.

UPDATE #4 – Adopted as presented INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT – 2010 (U-'03, R-'96, R-'89);

- Resolved** that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. urge the use of pesticides only as last resort and the promotion of alternative pest control methods in order to protect children's health, safety, and environment.

UPDATE #5 – Adopted as presented HAZARDS FROM LAND, WATER, AIR, NOISE, and LIGHT POLLUTION – 2010 (U-'03, U-'96, R-'89, U-'82);

- Resolved** that the 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.
- Resolved** that the New York State PTA encourage members to participate in community education programs on environmental issues concerning air, water, land, noise and light pollution.

UPDATE #6 – Adopted as presented PREVENTIVE HEALTH PROGRAMS – 2010 (U-'03, U-'96, R-'89, U-'82);

- Resolved** that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. strongly support age-appropriate preventive health programs such as: prenatal and well-child care, newborn screenings, immunizations, nutritional screenings, dental care, vision and hearing screenings, scoliosis and blood pressure screenings, lead poisoning and tuberculin skin tests, and voluntary screening for genetic diseases.

UPDATE #7 – Adopted as presented BACKGROUND CHECKS of SCHOOL EMPLOYEES– 2010 (U-'03, R-'96, R-'89);

- Resolved** that the New York State PTA 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 district's children.

**UPDATE #8 – Adopted as presented
CHILD CARE SERVICES – 2010 (U-'03, R-'96, R-'89, R-'82);**

- Resolved** that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. encourage units and councils to have programs addressing the need for child care, including school age child care, in their communities and to share guidelines on quality child care with parents.
- Resolved** that New York State PTA urge the state to address the need to encourage home child care providers to register and to provide training programs for all child care providers in order to reduce turnover and improve quality of care.
- Resolved** that the New York State PTA encourage the state legislature to address the different needs of families for accessible child care by providing incentives for more infant slots, increased salaries for child care workers, and further incentives for business and other organizations to start quality programs.

**UPDATE #9 – Adopted as presented
MONITORS on SCHOOL BUSES – 2010 (U-'03, R-'96, R-'89, U-'82);**

- Resolved** that the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. encourage its local units to sponsor campaigns within their school districts to have money allocated in school budgets to pay the expenses incurred for hiring and training monitors.
- Resolved** that the New York State PTA continue to encourage the State Legislature to consider bus monitors an integral part of transporting children to and from school and, therefore, an "aidable" transportation cost.

RESCISSIONS - TO BE RETIRED TO HISTORICAL RECORD:

CONCERNS REGARDING LOCAL/ DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS – 2003 (U-'96);

CHANGE the UNIFORM TIME ACT to EXTEND DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – 2003 (R-'96);

**Adopted by the delegates of the 114th Annual New York State PTA Convention held in Buffalo, NY, November 12-14, 2010.*