

Proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION - SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- WHEREAS, Delaware's public libraries serve an essential role in providing resources and services to meet the educational and informational needs of students, parents, and teachers; and
- WHEREAS, Delaware's public libraries rank 45th in the United States in total income per capita and 46th in the nation in total books and serial volumes per capita;* and
- WHEREAS, The Delaware PTA believes that the linking of school and public libraries through technology will benefit students, parents, and teachers by increasing access to information through shared collections and the Internet; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Delaware PTA support funding for public libraries at an adequate level to meet the educational and informational needs of students, parents, and teachers; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Delaware PTA work to have school and public libraries throughout the state linked through technology and encourage its local units to do the same.

*Source: Public Libraries in the U.S., 1992, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Dept. of Ed.

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ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS DURING MID-TERM EXAMS

Resolved that the DPTA work with school athletic directors, principals, the Council of Chief School Officers, the State Board of Education, and the Delaware School Athletic Association to study the feasibility of eliminating athletic competitions on days prior to and during high school mid-term exams.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Resolved that the DPTA support programs to improve the quality of the environment and support programs of environmental education in the public schools.

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS

Resolved that the DPTA urge the immediate closure of Bridge House and the transfer of those youth needing secure detention to a renovated interim site; the design and expeditious construction of a humane, free-standing secure detention facility with approximately 20 beds, which has an enlightened and therapeutic architectural design and provides quality educational, counseling, and recreational programs; the implementation of the juvenile screening instrument to insure that secure detention is used only for serious offenders; the development of nonsecure detention alternatives; and the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families to forbid all contractors and agency providers to press criminal charges on children in their care.

LRE-SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Resolved that the DPTA provide education to its units about the LRE initiative, and urge its units to work to achieve integration of the special needs population in their schools and welcome the parents of special needs students into their PTA units.

LRE-SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS

Resolved that the DPTA encourage sensitivity training for all teachers, LRE training for all teachers, and the development of

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activities which provide for the better integration of all teachers in the school.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TEST

Resolved that DPTA urge the State Board of Education to drop the requirement of the Pre-Professional Skills Test and replace it with a test which measures what educators are expected to do in their respective assignments.

TESTING

Resolved that DPTA urge the following:

1. that Delaware immediately embark upon the creation of a comprehensive assessment program, using sampling, so that all subjects of the curriculum can be assessed and potential improvement planned;
2. that Delaware discontinue statewide census testing using standardized tests;
3. that Delaware discontinue standardized testing of students in grades one through three.

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K-12 COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM

Resolved that DPTA urge its units to support the K-12 Comprehensive School Health Curriculum.

Resolved that the DPTA urge local districts to involve parents in implementing this curriculum.

Resolved that teachers and school nurses be adequately trained to teach these subjects in all Delaware school districts and that adequate funding and technical support be allocated by DPI.

QUALITY IN FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES

Resolved that DPTA promote quality child care by supporting required, yearly training hours for family child care providers, approved by the Department of services for Children, Youth and Their Families.

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