

What is a Resolution?

PTA resolutions act as touchstones for our advocacy. The Legislation Platform, Resolutions, Position Statements and Issue-Related Guidelines of the California State PTA provide the basis for advocacy on issues at all levels.

PTAs cannot advocate in the name of PTA without prior PTA authority.

If there is an adopted PTA position on an issue, that position can be used as authority to advocate in the name of PTA.

PTA resolutions and position statements are official documents outlining the opinion, will, or intent of the association to address problems, situations, or concerns that affect children and youth and require action to seek resolution on the issue. They are a formal way of stating intended action by a group of people. The documents serve an important purpose in formalizing and focusing the positions of the organization on various important and relevant issues.

New business (other than amendments to bylaws or the Legislation Program) is brought before the convention through the resolutions process.

When a resolution is adopted by the California State PTA convention delegates, the resolution becomes an official PTA position which provides authority and direction for action by the California State PTA and its constituent associations.

Resolutions adopted by the delegates at convention shall constitute a directive to the California State PTA Board of Managers. Resolutions shall be assigned to the appropriate commission(s) or committee(s) or to the president of the California State PTA for implementation or for preparation of guidelines for further action. The commission(s), committee(s), or the president shall be requested to give these resolutions priority consideration.

Resolutions set the direction of our association and provide legislators and other educational leaders with our viewpoint on education and children related issues. In a nut shell, PTA resolutions are not seeking funding. A resolution is authority for PTA to advocate on behalf of children and families!