

11.11 Indoor Air Standards

Resolution passed 1989; amended 2013; amended 2019

Whereas, two of the purposes of Washington State PTA are to “advocate for laws that further the educational, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth;” and to “promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth;” and

Whereas, improper indoor air quality/ventilation creates a buildup of toxic chemicals and gases which will result in hazardous health problems; and

Whereas, Washington state has not implemented specific minimum standards for indoor air quality for schools that cover both children and adults.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Washington State PTA supports implementation of legislation that provides specific minimum standards for indoor air quality/ventilation in all public schools and portable structures housing students and staff, protecting the health of children and staff; and be it further

Resolved, that legislation should include directives, timelines, and funding for remediation to bring non-complying schools up to minimum standards; and be it further

Resolved, that Washington State PTA will initiate/support legislation in Washington state mandating immediate testing by EPA approved or certified contractors to determine precise levels of indoor air contaminants in all educational facilities used by grades K-12; and be it further

Resolved, that parents and teachers be notified of the nature, location, and dates of testing seven days prior to testing and be advised of the results within 14 days of completion of such tests.