

## 18.6 Uninterrupted Operation of Public Schools

*Resolution passed 1986; amended 2006*

**Whereas**, Washington State PTA has purposes to “promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth;” and to “engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth;” and

**Whereas**, quality education is a high priority issue for the Washington State PTA; and

**Whereas**, Washington state citizens have historically valued the reliable delivery of vital services and the orderly management of public institutions including fire and police services and public schools; and

**Whereas**, Washington State PTA believes that a disruption to the educational system in the form of work stoppages and/or strikes is often detrimental to the best interest of the children and families affected by those actions, while also acknowledging that more state resources must be committed to the educational process in the State of Washington, including higher salaries for educational employees.

**Therefore, be it**

**Resolved**, that Washington State PTA shall work to produce conditions with regard to the collective bargaining process which will consistently produce, in a timely manner, labor agreements negotiated and fully embraced by the direct parties thereto and which will not cause disruption to the school calendar; and be it further

**Resolved**, that Washington State PTA will not support work stoppages and/or strikes which interrupt or disrupt the educational day.