

2.11 Promoting the Safety and Well-Being of Children Through Decreased Exposure to Violence

Resolution passed 1994

Whereas, Washington State PTA is an organization that promotes safety and welfare for all children and works to secure adequate laws for the protection of youth; and

Whereas, violent acts committed against and by youth are on the rise in Washington State and across our nation, both in our communities and in our schools; and

Whereas, there is increasing gang activity in all communities in Washington state; and

Whereas, statistics prove that an increase in gang activity equates to an increase in violence; and

Whereas, children and youth are influenced by the violence they see and hear on television and other media; and

Whereas, the safety and well-being of our children in their own homes and schools is compromised by incidents of violence; and

Whereas, the safety and well-being of our children is jeopardized by the prevalence and accessibility of dangerous weapons.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Washington State PTA will actively support legislation and other activities/efforts that aim to reduce or eliminate violence by or against youth and to ensure the safety of schools, neighborhoods, and communities; and be it further

Resolved, that Washington State PTA will actively support implementation and continuation of gang and violence intervention and prevention programs; and be it further

Resolved, that Washington State PTA will assist its members in promoting media literacy and responsible supervision of children's access to television and the media; and be it further

Resolved, that Washington State PTA encourages its local PTAs and councils to work within their local communities to address these and many other forms of violence and the causes thereof which threaten our children.