

4.3 Excellence in Our Education System

Resolution passed 1983

Whereas, the purposes of Washington State PTA are “to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community” 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, schools in Washington state face limited budgets and declining enrollments, causing them to make difficult decisions about cuts in educational programs and staff; and

Whereas, the education of children and youth in our schools is dependent upon the excellence of the educators working with the children; and

Whereas, Washington State PTA has a responsibility to the children of Washington state to work within the educational community to ensure that the professionals working in our schools are the best qualified and most able educators.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Washington State PTA work together with other members of the education community to recommend improvements for evaluative procedures and/or changes in policies, where needed, that will enable the schools to encourage and reward those educators who upgrade their skills and work effectively in the schools and to provide counseling for those who need to become more skilled or those who need to consider other employment; and be it further

Resolved, that Washington State PTA encourages local PTAs and councils to provide information to members of their school communities on procedures for expressing concerns about staff members.