

## **EDUCATIONAL FUNDING CRISIS**

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- WHEREAS,** The California State PTA and the National PTA have pledged that their number one priority is to preserve, maintain and strengthen the Public Education system; and
- WHEREAS,** Quality education is not feasible without adequate funding; and
- WHEREAS,** Many school districts have experienced severe cutbacks in their educational programs and are facing unprecedented financial crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** California's per student expenditure has plummeted to an unacceptable position of forty-fourth in the nation; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA urge the Governor and the Legislature to take immediate steps to solve the financial crisis in our schools; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA plan and implement a statewide campaign to focus attention on our education funding crisis; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA proclaim a "Crisis in Educational Funding Day."

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### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

California is falling drastically behind other states in the amount of funds allocated for education, K through 12. Many school districts have made substantial program cuts. If Governor Brown's proposed 1981-82 budget allowing only a 5% ADA increase is adopted, more cuts will be inevitable in many more districts.