

**SAFETY PROBLEMS RELATED TO FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION NEAR SCHOOLS**

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- WHEREAS, Schools have been adversely affected by freeways through losses in the learning process, extreme hazards to safety and related disruption of community life; and
- WHEREAS, Many schools are currently affected by the construction of freeways and increasing noise and safety perils; and
- WHEREAS, Deterioration of our educational system will continue if the freeways are planned without regard to the location of the schools; and therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the California Congress of Parents and Teachers strongly endorse efforts to:
1. Support legislation controlling the distance between freeways and school property; and requiring state financed noise abatement measures for the affected schools.
  2. Encourage the State Board of Education to help maintain open communication between the Division of Highways and the state and local school boards.
  3. Encourage the PTA on all organizational levels, to assist the local units in their efforts to maintain a safe and healthful learning environment in their schools.