

SCHOOL FACILITIES CRISIS

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- WHEREAS, Children and youth have no voice in the election process, it becomes the responsibility of the adult society to be accountable for the safety and education of young people; and
- WHEREAS, Children and youth are required to attend school until age 18 or high school graduation; and
- WHEREAS, PTA believes children and youth should be guaranteed a safe learning environment conducive to achieving excellence and realizing each individual's maximum potential; and
- WHEREAS, California's changing demographics have caused the problem of seriously over-crowded, and in some areas, non-existent school facilities; and
- WHEREAS, Enrollment projections for the year 1990 indicate the need for accommodating 500,000 students in addition to today's 4 million K-12 public school population; and
- WHEREAS, The passage of Proposition 13 (1978) destroyed the ability of local communities to independently provide and maintain necessary school facilities; and
- WHEREAS, Since 1978, the only realistic solution for this crisis has become the responsibility of the California State Legislature and Governor, who have not yet fulfilled their constitutional duty to provide necessary and appropriate school facilities; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA strongly urge that the elected official of the State of California take immediate action to address this critical problem; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the Legislature and Governor be urged to identify new sources of revenue, not currently allocated for education, to fund the necessary statewide school building and maintenance program; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA, its units, councils and districts vigorously lobby their Assemblymembers, State Senators and the Governor to provide facilities that will enable the children and youth of California to receive their education in a safe, appropriately planned and equipped school environment.