

SUPPORT AND FUNDING FOR VOLUNTARY INTEGRATION PROGRAMS

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- WHEREAS,** PTA believes that equal educational opportunities should be provided for all students regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or sex; and
- WHEREAS,** Voluntary integration can provide for broad community and school cooperation in developing and implementing integration programs which use both school and community resources; and
- WHEREAS,** In order to implement voluntary integration programs, school districts need additional funding, and state law currently does not provide the necessary funding; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA urge its units, councils and districts to support voluntary integration plans that are designed to alleviate existing racial isolation and that provide for equality education, safety, and emotional and physical health of all students, and at the same time prevent resegregation from occurring; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA urge its units, councils and districts to support the formation of voluntary integration planning and implementation committees that include participation by the PTA, the school system and the community at large; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA urge its units, councils and districts to serve as a unifying force to further the implementation of voluntary integration; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA support legislation that would provide for adequate state and/or federal funding, above that allocated for regular program costs, for the implementation of a voluntary integration plan that has been developed and approved by locally elected school boards and meets the guidelines of the State Board of Education.

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BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The California State Board of Education has requested that all school districts become involved in integration planning if any of their schools are segregated (Title 5 of the California Administrative Code). The state Legislature has not provided funding to implement such voluntary plans. Currently only limited federal funding is available to school districts which decide to initiate voluntary integration programs. PTA has adopted a statement on School Desegregation/Integration (November 1979). This resolution is based on the goals outlined in that statement.