

Arizona PTA Resolution—2015

PROPOSED RESOLUTION to Amend Previously Adopted #2008-01

New Resolution 2015-0100

CLEAN INDOOR/OUTDOOR AIR

WHEREAS, The Arizona PTA recognizes the research validating the unhealthy status of air quality in the State of Arizona to include the effects of visible or hidden contaminants, such as mold, due to damage from water intrusion; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona PTA believes children, teachers and all citizens of the State of Arizona deserve to breathe clean, healthy indoor and outdoor air since asthma is shown to be the number one chronic illness nationally that keeps students out of school; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona PTA believes that when a situation where water damage has occurred, the possibility of mold growth may occur and with little regulation, school districts are allowed to make their own judgments as to how to handle the identified contaminants, such as mold, in buildings; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona PTA believes children need safe and healthy environments to live in and learn in; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona PTA supports healthy environments that encourage the highest quality of academic achievement

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Arizona PTA, its constituent associations and PTA members will seek support with multi-agency efforts and community organizations within the State of Arizona to collaborate and promote clean, healthy indoor and outdoor air quality for schools in the State of Arizona.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Arizona PTA, its constituent associations and PTA members advocate for the implementation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard of care for practice of containment, which would include a Certified Microbiologist or person(s) with proven credentials to conduct a comprehensive inspection where water intrusion occurred. If inspection results indicate mold or hidden mold at that education facility, further tests shall be conducted according to the current EPA guidelines for mold; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Arizona PTA, its constituent associations and PTA members advocate for schools in the State of Arizona to proactively assess and improve the quality of indoor air in school buildings so that no pupils, staff or personnel be exposed to indoor air that does not meet current Environment Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines for the standard of care for practice of containment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Arizona PTA, its constituent associations and PTA members advocate for schools to develop, maintain and implement a disaster recovery plan and community communications plan that includes no human being to be allowed in the area(s) in question and removal from building(s) where children are educated or provided recreation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Arizona PTA and its constituent associations provide opportunities to provide information for parents, families, school staff, coaches, students and community members to raise awareness of indoor and outdoor air quality, which are based upon the current Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for schools.

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Amendment submitted by Terramar PTSA, 2015.