

Resolution to be Reaffirmed: School Nurses

SCHOOL NURSES

Adopted by the 1989 Convention Delegates
Reauthorized 1999 Convention

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- Whereas,** Restrictive budget limitations imposed on local school districts by the Arizona State Legislature have forced many local districts to reduce or eliminate certain programs and services within their district schools; and
- Whereas,** Arizona state laws do not require school districts to have a licensed registered nurse on duty on each campus during school hours; and
- Whereas,** Many school districts may reduce or eliminate nursing services as a part of budget reduction plans; and
- Whereas,** To insure the health and well-being of each child, a professionally staffed health department, providing quality health related services, will enhance the educational process by removing this responsibility from teachers and other staff members permitting them to focus on their priorities of teaching and creating a supportive and orderly school environment; and
- Whereas,** A licensed registered nurse, because of their medical knowledge, academic preparation, and professional skills, can develop and maintain a total health care program within the community/school environment; therefore be it
- Resolved,** That the Arizona PTA support and encourage the Arizona State Legislature to allocate funding to mandate licensed registered nurses to be on duty at the appropriate ratio in each school district.
- Resolved,** That licensed registered nurses may be assisted by paraprofessionals, within the recommended ratios, being supervised and evaluated by the school nurse in compliance with Arizona Board of Nursing, Nurse Practice Act and rules and Regulations; and be it further
- Resolved,** That the Arizona Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. support maintenance of the highest standards of health care in all of Arizona's public schools.