

RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1985 convention delegates)

SCHOOL FINANCE

WHEREAS, The funding of public education is a major state responsibility; and

WHEREAS, The current State School Finance Act has led to inequity in the distribution of funds to school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado PTA has always supported equal and quality educational opportunities for all children and youth; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado PTA has been involved in an extensive and careful study of school finance through the Coalition to Improve School Finance; and

WHEREAS, The Coalition to Improve School Finance report was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Colorado PTA on February 13, 1985; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA support legislation needed to implement changes in the State School Finance Act as recommended by the Coalition to Improve School Finance; and

Resolved, That Colorado PTA support the establishment of an adequate financial base of educational needs; variables to be considered in determining the distribution of state aid may include by way of example, but not be limited to: enrollment, increasing or decreasing student populations, regional price variations, training and experience of teachers, concentrations of special pupils, school isolation and district sparsity or density; and

Resolved, That Colorado PTA support the concept of allowing school districts to have the ability to spend beyond the base; and

Resolved, That Colorado PTA encourage school districts to try new approaches to deliver education services and to share the results with other districts; and

Resolved. That Colorado PTA support the state taking a role in helping districts build and maintain adequate facilities; and

Resolved. That Colorado PTA support reduction of reliance on property taxes to fund the public schools.