

RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1977 convention delegates)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PARTICULARLY PRESCHOOL

- WHEREAS, The education of preschool children is one of the program standards of Colorado Congress of Parents, Teachers and Students' two-year Legislative Program; and
- WHEREAS, The strengthening and expansion of special education and migrant education comprise other program standards for Colorado PTSA together with kindergarten through post high school; and
- WHEREAS, The cost of educational programs for handicapped children on the average is 2 to 3 times as much as the regular education program, even where some federal funds are used; and
- WHEREAS, Seven to nine percent of the students enrolled in school are special education students, requiring a lower teacher-pupil ratio; and
- WHEREAS, Preschool children are presently being given screening tests to determine any special needs in education; and
- WHEREAS, Early detection of handicaps (physical, mental, emotional and social) in children allows for a greater degree of correction at an early age, usually by 3rd or 4th grade, instead of 5th or 6th grades; and
- WHEREAS, Not all parents are sending their children to kindergarten and 1st grade much less to preschool education programs; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That Colorado PTSA members encourage school districts to offer preschool education programs; be it further
- RESOLVED, That school districts be encouraged to allocate a portion of the general funds for preschool, particularly for children with special needs and for those whose parents are of low economic income or of the migrant population; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That Colorado PTSA members encourage all parents of preschool, kindergarten and 1st grade age children to enroll their children in these programs and to work with the schools in order that equal opportunity for quality education may be maintained.