



Report of the Resolution Committee August 2015

Dear Local Unit Presidents,

The Resolutions Committee is pleased to report that we had three resolutions brought to members attending our Annual Conference. The first resolution, The Dangers of E-Cigarette Smoking, was adopted with amendments. The second resolution, Dyslexia and the third resolution, Parental SOL Opt-Out Designation on Non-End of Course (EOC) SOL Tests were passed as presented. These resolutions, which are available on our webpage, www.vapta.org, will become part of our policy and positions. If you would like to see the resolutions before any amendments or the supporting documentation, please contact us at the state office, **Virginia PTA** 1027 Wilmer Avenue, Richmond VA 23227-2419, Phone: 804.264.1234.

The Dangers of E-Cigarette Smoking and Parental SOL Opt-Out Designation on Non-End of Course (EOC) SOL Tests have legislative intent and will become part of the 2016 Legislation Program. We will seek sponsors for this legislation in the next session of the General Assembly.

The Resolutions Committee worked carefully to bring these resolutions to the Annual Conference for your discussion and vote. We ask you, as members of the Virginia PTA, to carefully review the resolutions and see where you can promote them within your communities and in the Commonwealth.

If you have an issue that you would like to bring to the next Annual Conference as a resolution, please contact the Resolutions Committee for assistance and procedure. Please make sure that you review previous resolutions, policies and positions on our website, www.vapta.org to make sure that we have not already adopted a position, policy or resolution.

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Resolutions as Passed at the 2015 Annual Conference

The Dangers of E-cigarettes

Resolved, that the Virginia PTA supports recommendations of the World Health Organization, Surgeon General and federal and state legislation proposals to limit access of e-cigarette products to minors, prohibit the distribution of fruit and candy flavored nicotine products attractive to youth, forbid advertising of e-cigarettes in youth-centered markets, tax e-cigarettes at rates equivalent to other nicotine delivery materials, and support comprehensive smoke-free laws in Virginia workplaces and public spaces to include e-cigarettes in order to protect the public health of its citizens.

Dyslexia Resolution

Resolved, that the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers (PTA) recognizes that dyslexia has significant educational implications requiring teacher/staff training on dyslexia, its warning signs and appropriate interventions as well as use of an early screening test for dyslexia to include parental notification, and be it further

Resolved, that the Virginia Congress of Parent and Teachers Association (PTA) supports the use of evidence-based remediation programs, implemented with fidelity, which can be accessed by both the general and special education populations to include access to appropriate assistive technologies in the public school settings for students with dyslexia.

Parental SOL Opt-Out Designation on Non-End of Course (EOC) SOL Tests

Resolved, that Virginia PTA seeks legislation that would require the VDOE to designate a "Parental Opt Out" option and designation on non-End of Course SOL tests; and be it further

Resolved, that Virginia PTA seeks legislation that would require a verified parent or guardian signature in order for any student to opt out of a non-End of Course SOL; and be it further

Resolved, that Virginia PTA seeks legislation that would require that there be no negative impact of a Parental Opt Out designation on the student, any teacher evaluation, or school and school division accreditation rating.