

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
and  
NORTH CAROLINA PTA**

**JOINT RESOLUTION**

- Whereas**, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers was founded in February 1897, Washington, D.C., and in November, 1919, the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers was organized as a branch of the National Congress, and in April, 1927, the North Carolina Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers was organized as a branch of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, and in April, 1969, the North Carolina branches of the two Congresses united to form the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers as a branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and is commonly known as the North Carolina PTA ("NC PTA"); and
- Whereas**, from the beginning NC PTA has advocated and promoted excellence in the education, care and protection of children and young people in the home, school, church, and community; and
- Whereas**, the mission of the NC PTA includes assisting parents in developing skills they need to rear and protect their children; and
- Whereas**, the mission of the NC PTA also includes encouraging parent and public involvement in the schools of this nation; and
- Whereas**, the purpose of the NC PTA includes bringing into closer relation the home and the school, such that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth; and
- Whereas**, the purpose of the NC PTA also includes developing between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education; and
- Whereas**, the North Carolina State Board of Education recognizes that parents/guardians, families, schools, and the community share the responsibility for the education of our children; and
- Whereas**, creating positive home, school, and community partnerships is essential to carrying out this shared responsibility successfully; and
- Whereas**, to support the State Board of Education and NC PTA's priorities and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's efforts promoting school performance, school administrators, teachers and parents/guardians must work as knowledgeable partners; and

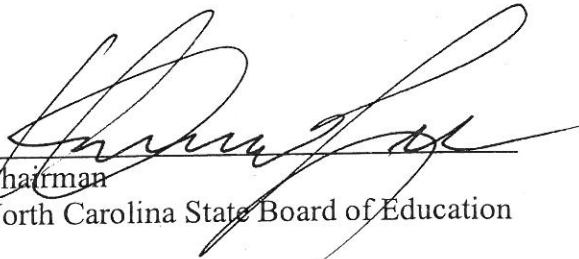
**Whereas,** school personnel should encourage and involve parents/guardians of children at all ages and grade levels by providing a variety of opportunities for involvement, while recognizing and respecting the diverse needs of families in their communities; and

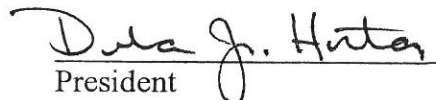
**Whereas,** the NC Department of Public Instruction, local school districts and school personnel, in collaboration with parents/guardians, should establish programs and practices that enhance parent/guardian involvement and reflect the specific needs of students and their families; and

**Whereas,** collaboration between all school personnel and parents/guardians is essential to support student learning;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** by the North Carolina State Board of Education and the North Carolina PTA

**That the North Carolina State Board of Education and the North Carolina PTA** are appreciative of each other's efforts concerning parent/guardian involvement in education and will work together to increase parent/guardian involvement in public schools and improve education for all children.

  
Chairman  
North Carolina State Board of Education

  
President  
NC PTA

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Date