

Making Every Child's Potential a Reality!

How? Advocacy!

One way in which we advocate for our children is through a Resolution. In PTA, a Resolution is the statement of a problem that impacts our children, followed by a call to action by our members to resolve the issue. The Illinois PTA has worked with legislators, our members, and like-minded associations to actively support positive change for our children through information, education and legislative initiatives. Some recent Resolutions are shown below. The items listed in red reflect progress in legislation!

Resolution on.....

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| <p>2014 Special Education Issues Awareness</p> <p>2013 Energy Drinks
Prevention of Asphyxiation Games (the Choking Game)</p> <p>2010 The Dangers of Inappropriate Use of Electronic Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HB 5290 currently awaits the Governor's signature</i> • <i>Public Act (PA) 96-1087 became law in 2010</i> <p>2009 Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)
Tax Increment Financing Districts</p> <p>2008 Children with Food Allergy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HB 5892, 2014, awaits the Governor's signature.</i> • <i>Emergency Epinephrine Act - PA 97-0361 effective 2011</i> • <i>PA 96-1460, effective 2010</i> • <i>PA 96-0349 on Food Allergies, effective 2009</i> <p>2007 Ban Cell Phone Use While Driving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PA 98-0506, Cell Phone Use Must be Hands-Free, 2014</i> • <i>PA 97-0829, Additional Limits on Cell Phone Use While Driving, 2012</i> • <i>PA 96-0130, Illinois Bans Texting While Driving, 2009</i> <p>Provide Arts in Education to All Children</p> | <p>2006 The Illinois Juvenile Justice Correctional System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PA 98-0061, effective 1/1/14</i> • <i>PA 98-0062, effective 1/1/14</i> • <i>PA 97-0362 became law in 2012</i> <p>The Use of Internet Blogs and Personal Web Pages
Graduated Driver's License Parent Guide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>GDL Parent Teen Driving Guide</i> <p>2005 Comprehensive Health Objectives re - Childhood Obesity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PA 96-1223 became law in 2010</i> • <i>PA 94-199 became law in 2005</i> <p>2004 Smoke Free Vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PA 95-0017 enacted in 2008</i> <p>Vision Examination Before Entering Kindergarten</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PA 95-0671 became law in 2007</i> <p>Prevent Students from Being Left Unattended on School Buses/Vans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PA 95-0260 became law in 2007</i> <p>2003 Resolution on Vicious Dogs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PA 93-0548 became law in 2003</i> <p>2002 Prevention of Bullying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HB 5707 passed both houses, 2014</i> • <i>PA 95-0198 became law in 2007</i> |
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Many more Resolutions, and information on how to write your own, may be found at the [Resolutions pages](#) on our website. Not all Resolutions relate to laws: some are to increase awareness on serious issues that effect our families. Resolutions are one way in which we act as advocates, but there are other ways. Each time you tackle an issue, such as:

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| Bullying | Internet Safety | Playground Safety | Recycling |
| Crossing Guards | Stranger Danger | School Budgets | School Lunch Nutrition |

...you and your PTA are being advocates for children: you are serving as their voice!

How can you become an even greater advocate?

The Illinois PTA provides every local unit an opportunity for advocacy training each year, in addition to updates to members on issues around the state. These materials will provide our members with the necessary tools to be effective advocates.



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Advocacy: Making Every Child's Potential a Reality



PTA: A Voice for All Children and Youth

PTAs are made up of committed families, teachers and community members! Who could know better those issues that need to be addressed to enrich the lives of children in Illinois? As PTA members, we want you to take time to -

Be Involved: Speak Out!

Problems can be solved when we come together and bring those issues to the attention of those who can facilitate change.

Be Connected: With PTA Membership!

Membership expands your ability to speak on behalf of your child and the children in your community.

Be Informed: Join our Network!

To stay up to date on current legislation and issues, [sign up for the PTA Engage Network!](#) Check our position on [today's issues!](#) Use PTA resources to learn how to bring attention to an issue impacting the children in your community. Advocacy training is available.

Be an Advocate: with a Resolution!

Illinois PTA Resolutions begin with problems brought to our attention by local PTAS.

Who's Advocating for Your Children? We are! The Illinois PTA

Whether trying to ensure that children are immunized against disease, have access to quality education, or protected against school violence, PTA members make themselves heard —
for *every* child.
in *one* voice.

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