

THE PTA AND TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS, SANCTIONS, AND STRIKES

- WHEREAS, Teacher negotiations, sanctions, and strikes are very much a part of reality of operating public schools; and
- WHEREAS, Our state is experiencing mounting unrest in the teaching profession due to salaries and working conditions; and
- WHEREAS, Not only do school boards and school administrators have to reckon with teacher militancy, but PTA becomes involved; and
- WHEREAS, It is recognized that situations locally vary so widely, a great deal of discretion in action should be left to the local council and unit therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers continue to work for quality education and for community understanding and support of schools; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers reaffirm their belief in boards of education composed of local citizens who are charged with the final authority for making policy decisions for local school districts; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers continue to support legislation for a statewide law requiring written policy statements by boards of education containing negotiation procedures and grievance procedures; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers urge their units and councils to seek action locally that corrects the basic causes of dissatisfaction in salaries, student conduct, teaching conditions, and lack of participation in decision making; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers urge their units and councils in case of a strike occurring to actively support the need for immediate and continuous negotiations to get schools open as quickly as possible to limit to the extent possible the harmful effects on children.