## INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

WHEREAS, The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the

Missouri Department of Mental Health and Missouri Department of Social Services are authorized and funded to serve the children

and youth of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, There appears to be difficulty in the coordination of services of

these Departments to the end that parents and educators in the State of Missouri are finding unnecessary delays and confusion in securing appropriate services for their children and youth; and

WHEREAS, The services offered by the Missouri Department of Elementary

and Secondary Education, The Missouri Department of Mental Health and Missouri Department of Social Services should be clearly defined and accessible to parents and educators of children

and youth in Missouri; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Governor and Legislature of the State of Missouri be

urged to jointly establish and solidify a working relationship and cooperative agreements with the various agencies providing services to children and youth so that the programs authorized by the Governor and the Legislature are made available to the children

and youth of the State of Missouri; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of parents and Teachers its units and

councils urge the permanent establishment of agreements with these various agencies to insure that needed services are always

available.