

FUNDING FOR HAZARDOUS ROUTES

- WHEREAS, The National Congress of Parents and Teachers feel that the safety of our children is paramount; and
- WHEREAS, The driving habits of the American public have changed and the driving population has increased significantly, making even the best of routes to school hazardous; and
- WHEREAS, Municipalities have not provided for safe walking routes, requiring children to compete with traffic; and
- WHEREAS, Even without Daylight Saving Time many children will be required to walk in darkness due to the varying school schedules; and
- WHEREAS, The Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Devices for Streets and Highways Part 7 7B-6 Page 327 prohibits the placing of crossing signs in crosswalks, has seriously hampered the effectiveness of crossing safety programs, and
- WHEREAS, The aforesaid conditions require critical judgement of young students whose judgmental faculties have not yet matured, and
- WHEREAS, Missouri State law does not provide funds for hazardous busing of students living less than one (1) mile from school; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers support legislation providing additional funds for the transportation of elementary students living less than one (1) mile from school who must walk hazardous routes as defined by the local school boards.