MANDATORY FIRE AND TORNADO DRILLS IN ALL MISSOURI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, The use of fire drills and tornado drills are left to the discretion of the local school boards without firm regulations; and

WHEREAS, Their potential life saving importance is sometimes minimized; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers urges the General Assembly to pass legislation requiring monthly fire drills and semi-annual tornado drills during the school year; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the proper fire authority annually inspect each school, and supervise one such fire drill each year, and be informed of each school’s emergency plan of operation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers urges school districts’ compliance with the applicable provisions of the latest “Life Safety Code” of the National Fire Protection Association; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the practice of bolting or chaining any marked exit when the building is occupied be prohibited and that push bars be installed if doors need to be locked to outside admittance in accordance with the law.

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