

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY NO. 1

- WHEREAS, The safety and welfare of children and youth has always been a prime concern of Parent Teacher Associations everywhere; and
- WHEREAS, Many youngsters across the State of Missouri depend upon transportation to and from school to be provided by the local school district; and
- WHEREAS, There are currently no requirements for emergency safety instructions for children regarding possible hazards related to riding school buses; and
- WHEREAS, Educational programs concerning emergency school bus evacuation drills covering possible hazards such as: collision, fire, bomb threats, tornadoes, earthquakes, smog alerts, and other natural disasters need to be developed; and
- WHEREAS, An increasing lack of respect by parents and students for the rules and regulations designed for the safety of children and youth across the State of Missouri, while riding school buses to and from school, has become increasingly apparent; and
- WHEREAS, Respect for bus safety rules and regulations can be enhanced by well-trained, qualified school bus drivers; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That boards of education be encouraged to include in their policies adequate programs that provide for emergency school bus drills for grades K through 12; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That all units and councils of the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers be encouraged to assist local school districts to fulfill their responsibilities to increase children's knowledge of emergency procedures for vacating a school bus; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That all units and councils of the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers be encouraged to assist local school districts in an intensive campaign to inform parents and students alike of the urgent need for a concentrated community effort to provide safe conditions of transportation for the youth of Missouri; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That boards of education be encouraged to require as a matter of policy that all school bus drivers serving in their districts be required to participate in state sponsored training programs or their equivalent at least once a year.