

NATIONAL PTA RESOLUTION 1985

NUCLEAR EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

- Whereas, The PTA, through its primary objectives, has historically been an advocate for the health, safety, welfare and quality of life for children and youth; and
- Whereas, Psychological studies have shown that the threat of nuclear war and its possible consequences may have a destructive affect on the well-being and emotional health of some children and youth; and
- Whereas, In 1984 the National PTA convention delegates passed a resolution endorsing nuclear education, focusing on child and student education; and
- Whereas, The representatives of our government have a responsibility to listen to the concerns and opinions of the people before making nuclear decisions that affect all people; and
- Whereas, The PTA recognizes that in a democracy the responsibility for decisions rests with an informed people, and that the PTA actively promotes public awareness education on issues of deep concern to the welfare of our children; now therefore be it
- Resolved, That the National PTA use studies, forums, educational materials and programs and work with community organizations to inform its membership about nuclear age education; and be it further
(to include nuclear developments, per se)
- Resolved, That the National PTA develop materials and programs to enable parents to effectively address children's fears concerning perceived nuclear dangers.

Resolution adopted by delegates
to the National PTA Convention
June 15-18, Washigton, D.C.

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Dear Councilmembers:

Because of a deep concern about the nuclear technologies of today and the potential consequences of a nuclear war on our society and children, parents at our Kratt Elementary PTA wrote a resolution, Nuclear Education for Adults. An abbreviated form of our resolution was subsequently passed by the convention delegates at both the State and National PTA conventions this spring.

Enclosed is a copy of the National PTA resolution. It calls for the education of adults in three major areas:

1. Nuclear developments, per se
2. Nuclear age education, as it is developed for the schools
3. Nuclear fears of children and how parents can help

We feel that in a Democracy, it is important for citizens to be knowledgeable and aware so that they can participate in the nuclear decision-making process that will ultimately affect us all. In addition, it is important for adults, especially parents and teachers, to understand how living in this nuclear age impacts their children, their well-being, and their very futures.

We have done extensive research on the nuclear technology, environmental and medical consequences of a nuclear exchange, and the psychological affects on our children of just living with the threat of nuclear war.

This research project is on-going. The ESR resource catalog listed you as having available a booklet that encourages the prevention of nuclear war as opposed to the FEMA evacuation plans. Please send us four (4) copies of your booklet to the above address. We will send a copy to the California State PTA, the National PTA, our School District and keep one for our own use. Is there a charge for these booklets? If not, please send more than four.

Feel free to share the PTA resolution with possible interested PTA or Parent Clubs. We also have many research articles and materials to share upon request at \$3.50 per packet, includes postage.

We commend you on your efforts to educate the public on the only sane, logical, and responsible plan for nuclear attack---
PREVENTION!

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Diddy
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Comm. from Mary Lou Diddy of the Edwin C. Kratt School PTA of Fresno, CA transmitting for informational purposes a copy of the National PTA resolution entitled "Nuclear Education for Adults".

In City Council,

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