RESOLUTION ON STUDENT PRIVACY PROTECTION

WHEREAS, Current trends towards a data driven approach in public education have caused a proliferation in the amount of student data collected in public schools; and

WHEREAS, Advanced technologies have caused concern among parents that students are being subjected to the experimental collection of biometric and psychometric data; and

WHEREAS, Changes in privacy laws have now resulted in student data being collected without parental notification or consent for use by outside entities such as private companies, philanthropic organizations, governmental or quasi-governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, An abundance of student data available to private industry has created a potential for profiteering, commercialism, and other forms of exploitation involving children; and

WHEREAS, The inability to safeguard the transmission and storage of student data makes children particularly vulnerable targets for identity theft; therefore let it be

RESOLVED, Tennessee PTA and its constituent associations shall encourage the inclusion of parents in an open, transparent process to develop policies on the responsible collection of student data for purposes consistent with the educational interest of students; and

RESOLVED, Tennessee PTA and its constituent associations shall encourage the disclosure of the type, method, purpose, use, and storage of data collected from students as well as a list of outside entities such as private companies, philanthropic organizations, governmental or quasi-governmental agencies having access to student data; and

RESOLVED, Tennessee PTA and its constituent associations shall encourage development of policies requiring timely, informed written parental consent prior to any student data being collected with the intent to warehouse or be shared with outside entities.

RESOLVED, Tennessee PTA and its constituent associations shall encourage development of policies prohibiting the sharing and usage of student data with private businesses and other organizations with a potential to exploit student data in profiteering, commercialism, target marketing, or other for-profit activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, Tennessee PTA and its constituent associations shall encourage maximum safeguards to protect student data from improper use or accidental release.