

1 **SCHOOL BUILDINGS' AND PORTABLE CLASSROOMS'**  
2 **INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ)**  
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4 WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) states that  
5 concentration of air contaminants are often found to be 2-5 times  
6 higher indoors than outdoors due to the tighter buildings, reduction in  
7 outdoor air brought into schools for ventilation, reduced maintenance  
8 budgets, and the proliferation of indoor sources of contaminants; and  
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10 WHEREAS, The combined indoor pollution from synthetic building materials and  
11 furnishings, cleaning agents, printing and copying devices, science  
12 labs, industrial/vocational shops, arts and crafts materials,  
13 combustion and humidification appliances, smoking lounges, and  
14 other resources can reduce the health and comfort of building  
15 occupants as well as increase absenteeism; and  
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17 WHEREAS, Children may be especially susceptible to air pollution because the  
18 same concentration of pollutants will result in a higher body burden in  
19 children than adults because children breathe a greater volume of air  
20 relative to their body weight; therefore be it  
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22 RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA and its constituent bodies inform their  
23 members about indoor quality issues so they may work with their  
24 individual school districts when building or remodeling schools or  
25 using portable classrooms, to reduce sources of contaminants,  
26 improve maintenance practices, and reduce toxicity of products used  
27 around school buildings and portable classrooms for cleaning,  
28 decorating, in science labs, vocational classes, computer labs, arts  
29 and crafts; and be it further  
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31 RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA and its constituent bodies urge its local  
32 units to work with school administrators and boards of education to  
33 insure that school heating, ventilation, air conditioning operation, and  
34 maintenance plans comply with the highest current standards  
35 supplied by accepted experts; and be it further  
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37 RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA and its constituent bodies work with and  
38 urge the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to adopt guidelines  
39 to insure the quality of schools' indoor air quality; and be it further  
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41 RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA and its constituent bodies seek and support  
42 legislation and funding for protection from indoor air contaminants as  
43 research continues to reveal sources and for improved ventilation  
44 standards and building codes for schools.  
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48 Adopted by the 1996 Convention Delegates  
49 Reaffirmed by the 2001 Convention Delegates