SAFETY FROM GUN VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

Whereas: A primary purpose of the PTA is to establish laws to protect children and Youth, and;

Whereas: Violence in schools, involving weapons, has increased in the past decade, and;

Whereas: The 2007 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey states that “Tennessee Students are at greater risk than students in other states for having carried a weapon to school”, and;

Whereas: Schools with greater parental involvement, Adult/Student mentoring programs, and conflict resolution teams have diminished incidents of violence involving firearms, be it therefore;

Resolved, That in order to establish a more secure school environment, The Tennessee PTA encourages every High School in Tennessee to establish student mentoring programs involving parents, school personnel and the community, and be it further

Resolved, That every school district establish an internal reporting system that will allow and encourage students and school personnel to confidentially report incidents deemed to be hazardous to the safety and well-being of the school environment.