

**SAFE SCHOOLS/SAFE SCHOOL POLICIES**

WHEREAS, In Utah during the 1994-1995 school year, schools reported 606 weapons possessions at school and 1,533 assaults; and

WHEREAS, Of these incidents, elementary schools accounted for 172 weapon possessions and 290 assaults; and

WHEREAS, The number and seriousness of such incidents are increasing; the age of students among whom such incidents occur is declining; and

WHEREAS, Unsafe schools make it difficult for students to concentrate on learning; and

WHEREAS, Many school officials and community members are working together with families to build a safe environment where children and youth can flourish and grow; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies work with their respective state education specialists, in there districts, schools, and communities to encourage the development and implementation of safe school policies; and be it further

Resolved, That Utah PTA continues to work for enhanced legislation that promotes safe schools.