



Information for State PTAs on National PTA's Resolutions Process and Student Gender Identity Guidance

This document seeks to provide information on National PTA's resolutions process and the guidance recently issued by the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice on public schools and districts' obligations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 regarding a student's gender identity. In the event media inquiries are received, please direct them to Heidi May Wilson, manager of media relations for National PTA, at hmay@pta.org.

National PTA's Resolutions Process

- Resolutions are an important part of the advocacy work of PTA. They carry the weight of the delegates behind them and outline the opinion, will or intent of the association to address national problems, situations or concerns that affect children and youth.
- During the 2016 Annual Convention & Expo, National PTA delegates will vote on four proposed resolutions, including Recognition of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) Individuals as a Protected Class; Water Safety and Instruction; Electronic Cigarettes and Youth; and Homework: Quality Over Quantity.
- All resolutions were brought forward to National PTA for consideration in the fall of 2015.
- The resolutions were reviewed and passed by National PTA's Resolutions Committee and the National PTA Board of Directors.
- We look forward to debate on the proposed resolutions during the 2016 Annual Convention & Expo.
- If adopted by delegates during the 2016 Annual Convention & Expo, the resolutions will provide direction for advocacy efforts of National PTA; the 54 Congresses of PTA; and regional, council and local PTAs.

Student Gender Identity Guidance

- On May 13, the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice released [guidance](#) on public schools and districts' obligations under [Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972](#) (Title IX) regarding a student's gender identity.

- Title IX and its implementing regulations prohibit sex-based discrimination in federally funded education programs and activities.
- According to the guidance, this means that a school must not treat a transgender student differently from the way it treats other students of the same gender identity under the law.

National PTA's Response to Student Gender Identity Guidance:

<http://www.pta.org/newsevents/newsdetail.cfm?ItemNumber=4838>

- National PTA believes every child deserves to come to school excited to learn in a safe and nurturing environment without the fear of bullying, violence or discrimination.
- It has long been a top priority of National PTA to make sure all children have a safe, supportive and positive environment in which to thrive and learn.
- National PTA remains committed to working with the administration and Congress to strengthen protections for all children and improve education.