

**SAMPLE RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION
TO THE PROPOSED 2008-09 STATE BUDGET**

WHEREAS, The California State PTA advocates for adequate and stable funding to support student academic achievement and to promote programs for the health and safety of all children and families; and

WHEREAS, The California State PTA and the voters of California strongly supported the passage of Proposition 98 to guarantee a minimum level of funding for the State's public schools; and

WHEREAS, California has the most rigorous academic standards and one of the most stringent accountability systems in the nation, but is currently ranked 46th among the 50 states in K-12 spending per student; and

WHEREAS, California is near the bottom in the nation in almost every category of school funding, including school nurses, librarians, counselors, and other critical support staff per student; and

WHEREAS, The governor's proposed budget for 2008-09 recommends a \$4.4 billion cut to K-14 education (which would require the suspension of Proposition 98) on top of a \$400 million reduction for education in the current year, with a net effect of approximately \$800 less per K-12 student; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's proposal would lead to dramatic reductions in support staff at schools as well as widespread teacher layoffs and increased class sizes; and

WHEREAS, The California State PTA believes that new revenue sources must be considered to balance the state budget and avoid harmful cuts; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the _____ PTA/PTSA
OPPOSES the proposed budget cuts to education and to programs that ensure the health and protection of ALL the state's children, youth and families.

Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Contact Info: Phone # _____ E-Mail _____