

Proposed 2008 Resolution for Arkansas PTA

TO INCREASE THE RATE OF POST SECONDARY GRADUATION AMONG ARKANSAS STUDENTS

- 1 **Whereas** the completion of any post secondary education increases the quality of life and income for the
2 families; and
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- 4 **Whereas** a more highly educated work force would attract more industry to our state increasing the
5 economy and job opportunities for Arkansas families; and
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- 7 **Whereas** Arkansas ranks 49th in the nation in adults with post secondary degrees and 49th in the nation
8 in annual income; and
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- 10 **Whereas** preparation for college or any other post secondary education begins in early childhood; and
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- 12 **Whereas** families need guidance in leading a student in academic and financial planning and
13 preparation for successful development in their educational endeavors; and
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- 15 **Whereas** students have a better chance of success if the educational standards are aligned from
16 preschool through college; and
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- 18 **Whereas** student participation in higher education increases when the business and community become
19 involved and support the students in achieving their educational aspirations; and
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- 21 **Whereas** too many Arkansas college students become frustrated when credits are not transferable
22 between Arkansas colleges leading to a higher dropout rate; now therefore be it
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- 24 **Resolved** that Arkansas PTA and local PTAs educate their members about financial opportunities and
25 preparation needed for post secondary student success; and be it
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- 27 **Resolved** that Arkansas PTA and local PTAs encourage more community involvement from Arkansas
28 individuals, businesses and organizations in providing for the financial needs of students through
29 scholarships, grants and other financial support; and be it
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- 31 **Resolved** that Arkansas PTA encourages the Department of Education and the Department of Higher
32 Education to develop a strong communication between post secondary and public schools to ensure that
33 all curriculums are aligned from pre-Kindergarten through four years of college; and be it
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- 35 **Resolved** that Arkansas PTA encourages Arkansas colleges to communicate with each other, align their
36 curricula, and be more accepting of each others cumulative credits, thereby increasing Arkansas' post
37 secondary graduation rate.