

ACTION ITEM FORM

Head Injury Reporting

Whereas, Approximately 1.4 million Traumatic Brain Injury related deaths, hospitalizations, and emergency department visits occur each year in the United States; and

Whereas, The results of a head injury can include short term effects such as concussions, loss of consciousness, or lethargy, and/or long term effects such as organ damage, coma, or death; and

Whereas, The full extent of a head injury may not be immediately known and often requires a comprehensive medical evaluation to determine; therefore be it

Resolved, That PTA and its constituent associations educate its members, and school personnel on the seriousness of head injuries and the need to report them to parents and/or guardians for monitoring and further follow up, and be it further

Resolved, That PTA and its constituent associations work with state and local education agencies to establish adopt and implement communication procedures to contact parents and/or guardians at the time a head injury to a child occurs in the school setting.

Sexting: Legal Consequences

Whereas, Surveys show that a significant number of youth are engaging in "sexting" (dissemination of sexually explicit photographs and/or video over electronic media); and

Whereas, In most states the act of "sexting" could result in a criminal charge; and

Whereas, Having a criminal conviction would have lifelong consequences impacting higher education and career opportunities including most careers requiring certification or licensing; e.g. government employment, law enforcement, and teaching; therefore be it

Resolved, That PTA and its constituent associations work with school systems and/or law enforcement authorities to prevent "sexting" by youth through education of students, parents, and faculty regarding the legal consequences of the act of "sexting."

Respectfully submitted by: Gina Armor, Resolutions Committee Chairman