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Ohio Core Resolution

Whereas, Ohioans are being challenged to compete in our global economy for advanced manufacturing, healthcare and technology jobs. More than two-thirds of new jobs require some type of post secondary education; and

Whereas, research supports that students who complete a rigorous high school curriculum will earn an average of 13% more than peers, are more likely to earn a college degree and currently only 24% of Ohio's students complete a rigorous curriculum which has been proposed by Governor Taft, and

Whereas, eight states have moved to implement a rigorous curriculum between 2008 and 2012 and an additional 11 states are considering such action, and

Whereas, the Ohio Core will require four years of math, three years of lab based sciences, two years of foreign language, four years of English, three years of social studies, one half unit of health and physical education and three elective units, including least one unit or two half units chosen from among the areas of business/technology and fine arts, and

Whereas, the Ohio Core will also focus remedial and developmental education on Ohio's two year college campus, be a requirement to admission to public aided four year colleges and require students to take a college and work ready assessment; and be it

RESOLVED THAT, the Ohio PTA Board of Directors support the concept of challenging our students to be successful through completing a rigorous curriculum, and be it

Resolved that Ohio's school districts need to have the resources to provide such a curriculum through qualified teachers in the areas of math and science, adequate classroom physical space and supplies which do not exist and be it

Resolved that access for remediation and developmental education will be universal throughout the state, not just at two year community colleges which are located in select areas of our state and be it

Resolved our PTAs through its units and councils will advocate to our decision makers to provide our school districts the resources to prepare our students for the challenges ahead to meet these expectations.

Adopted by the Ohio PTA Board of Directors on May 20, 2006