

**Resolution from Dolvin Elementary PTA  
regarding student safety on election days**

- WHEREAS, It is the mission of the Georgia PTA to make every child’s potential a reality; and
- WHEREAS, The safety and welfare of students is of utmost importance to the Fulton County School District, Dolvin Elementary School, and the parents of every child in the school system; and
- WHEREAS, The most important measure of student safety is that every student arrives home at the end of every day alive and unharmed; and
- WHEREAS, A critical element of school security involves controlling access to students and identifying all visitors in an effort to eliminate the danger posed by strangers; and
- WHEREAS, School shooting incidents are occurring with increasing regularity in schools throughout the country; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Rose, Superintendent of Fulton County Schools recently released this statement: “Fulton County Schools will not let its guard down when it comes to the safety and security of our students and staff. In recent months, we have taken further steps to strengthen security on all of our campuses. We have retrained our staff on active shooter protocols, added more police officers to our force, and strengthened security measures on everything from our front entry systems, to surveillance cameras.”; and
- WHEREAS, Security protocols are routinely ignored on election days when schools are used as polling places because their doors are required to be opened to the public; and
- WHEREAS, There may be as many as seven election days that occur while school is in session in any given year; and
- WHEREAS, It is the position of this body that the practice of using schools as polling places is putting students at risk in a manner that is not acceptable by allowing people into the building without having to go through the established security protocols and permitting these same people unescorted access to areas also occupied by students; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Dolvin Elementary PTA urges the Fulton County Board of Education to appeal to the Fulton Board of Elections to end the practice of using schools as polling places because the practice makes it impossible for the Board to ensure the safety of the students in its care; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Dolvin Elementary PTA urges the Georgia PTA to adopt a similar resolution and advocate for the Georgia General Assembly to pass legislation giving local school districts the option to refuse to allow their schools to be used as polling locations.