Utah PTA White Paper
New Resolution
Purpose: Address the issue of children not getting the nutrition they need.

Child Nutrition and Food Insecurity Resolution

Why we need this Resolution:
- When bills have come up regarding food needs during the 2022 Utah Legislative Session, we did not have foundational documents in our resolutions to support this fundamental need. We eventually were able to find resources to support, but it wasn’t easy to find.
- If Utah PTA struggles to advocate for the basic of feeding children, we need something better in place.

Background:
- National PTA advocated for school lunches in beginning in the 1920’s by donating funds and kitchen supplies. Later PTA helped to pass a federal law in 1945 to provide funding to the program.
- 10% of Utah’s families face food insecurity which includes 135,940 children
- Food insecurity is associated with a number of nutrition-related negative health outcomes

What the Resolution does:
- Ask for action through policy and funding at the state, district and local level
- Encourage organizations to learn about food insecurity in Utah and increase access to food pantries in the school and community
- That PTAs in Utah help increase awareness of:
  - food scarcity in Utah
  - the link between child nutrition
  - the impacts food scarcity has on their physical health, growth, education and development

What the Resolution doesn’t do:
- Does not require every PTA unit to create a food pantry