

Welcome to 2025 Leadership Convention

This session will begin soon



Resolutions- The Backbone of PTA Advocacy

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Resolutions

A resolution is a part of the Utah PTA public policy program. Resolutions are formal statements of PTA public or association policy voted by the delegates at the annual Advocacy Conference or the annual Utah PTA Convention. Utah PTA Resolutions give direction for action, such as directives to legislative bodies regarding policies, state and local agencies, and recommendations for family and community engagement.



Parts of a Resolution

Whereas Statements

- Statements of facts
- Based on current research
- Outlines the problem, solution or opportunities that impact children and youth
- Provides sufficient background to give a person with no knowledge on a topic to make an informed decision.
- Can be updated by the resolutions committee and Board of directors

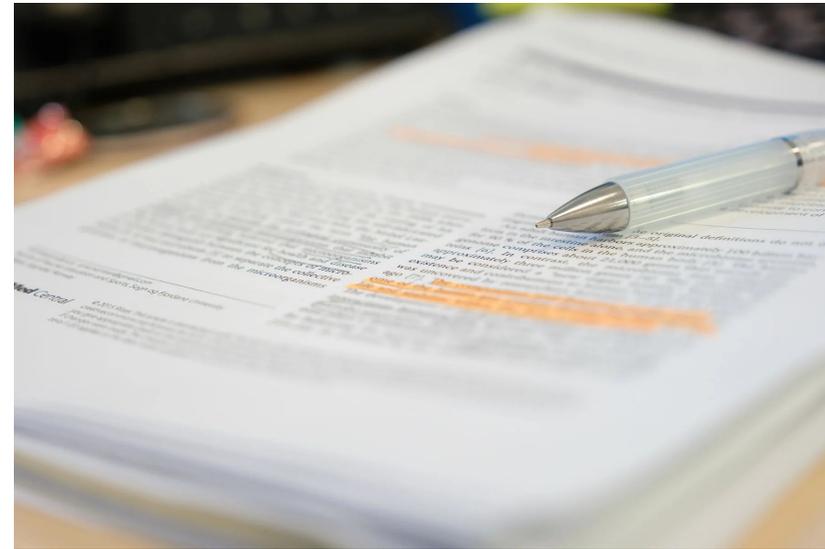
Resolved Statements

- Statements of what action or position should be taken to solve the problem established in the Whereas statements
- How Utah PTA is going to work to solve the problem.
- Must be voted on by the Utah PTA membership to be updated/changed.



Documentation

- Current research published in the past 6 years.
- From a variety of sources
- At least two pieces of documentation per whereas statement
- **Examples:** Educational, safety, and welfare articles or updates; copies of documented research; copies of pertinent laws, government publications, and regulations; and copies of articles from professional publications.
- **Insufficient:** Newspaper articles, abstracts, editorials and websites these are second hand sources and often statements of opinion. Avoid using materials from other organizations intended for lobbying or advocacy purposes as these items may present a biases view and often do not cite their sources



Questions to Ask Yourself Before Starting

- Does this topic align with the Utah PTA mission, and purposes?
- Is the topic relevant to the health, safety, well-being or education of children and youth?
- Is the topic a statewide scope?
- Does the topic supplement, but not conflict with, the Utah PTA Public Policy Platform?
- Is the topic already on the Utah PTA public policy platform? If so, is this topic best as a stand-alone resolution, does it replace a resolutions, does it update a resolution, or does it amend an existing part of the Utah PTA public policy platform?



Using a Resolution

Utah PTA uses our resolutions to take positions on bills during the legislative session

Example:

Bill: HB 100 Food Safety Amendments: Eliminates reduced cost meals for students k-6 who qualify and provides the meal for free provides meals for free in the summer via EBT for the same students

Resolution: HEA 2023-1 Food Insecurity

That Utah PTA and its constituent associations call on state, district and local leaders to take action to reduce and eliminate hunger and food insecurity for Utah's children through policy and funding;

Utah PTA Position: Support



Q&A

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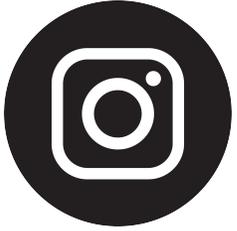
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