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Everything you always wanted to know about
resolutions ... but where afraid to ask



Everything you always wanted to know about resolutions

Introduction:

This will be an interactive class

At the end of this class, you will

1. Understand why resolutions are so important for Utah PTA
2. Be able to tell the differences between “statements”
3. Understand how we document resolutions
4. Find resolutions on the Utahpta.org website
5. Understand the general process of creating, updating and voting for a resolution



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Why are resolutions so important for Utah PTA?

Question: How do you decide whether you support a bill or not?



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Why are resolutions so important for Utah PTA?

A resolution is the basis for Utah PTA to take a position of **support** or **oppose** on a bill.

Without a resolution, Utah PTA will not be able to take a position on a bill.



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Why are resolutions so important for Utah PTA?

Resolutions are **formal statements** of Utah PTA

Utah PTA resolutions **give direction for action**, such as directives to legislative bodies regarding policies, state and local agencies, and **make recommendations** for family and community engagement..

Resolutions are a part of the Utah PTA public policy program



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Utah PTA Public Policy Program

The Utah PTA Public Program is the primary authority for public policy action and statements by Utah PTA on state and local legislation and administrative policies and regulations.

The Utah PTA Purposes

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community.
- To raise the standards of home life.
- To advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth.
- To promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth.
- To engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social wellbeing of all children and youth.
- To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding.



The Utah PTA Public Policy Program has five (5) components:

1. The National PTA and Utah PTA Mission Statement and Values
2. The National PTA and Utah PTA Resolutions
3. The Utah PTA Legislative Policy
4. The Utah PTA Legislative Priorities
5. National PTA and Utah PTA Position Statements



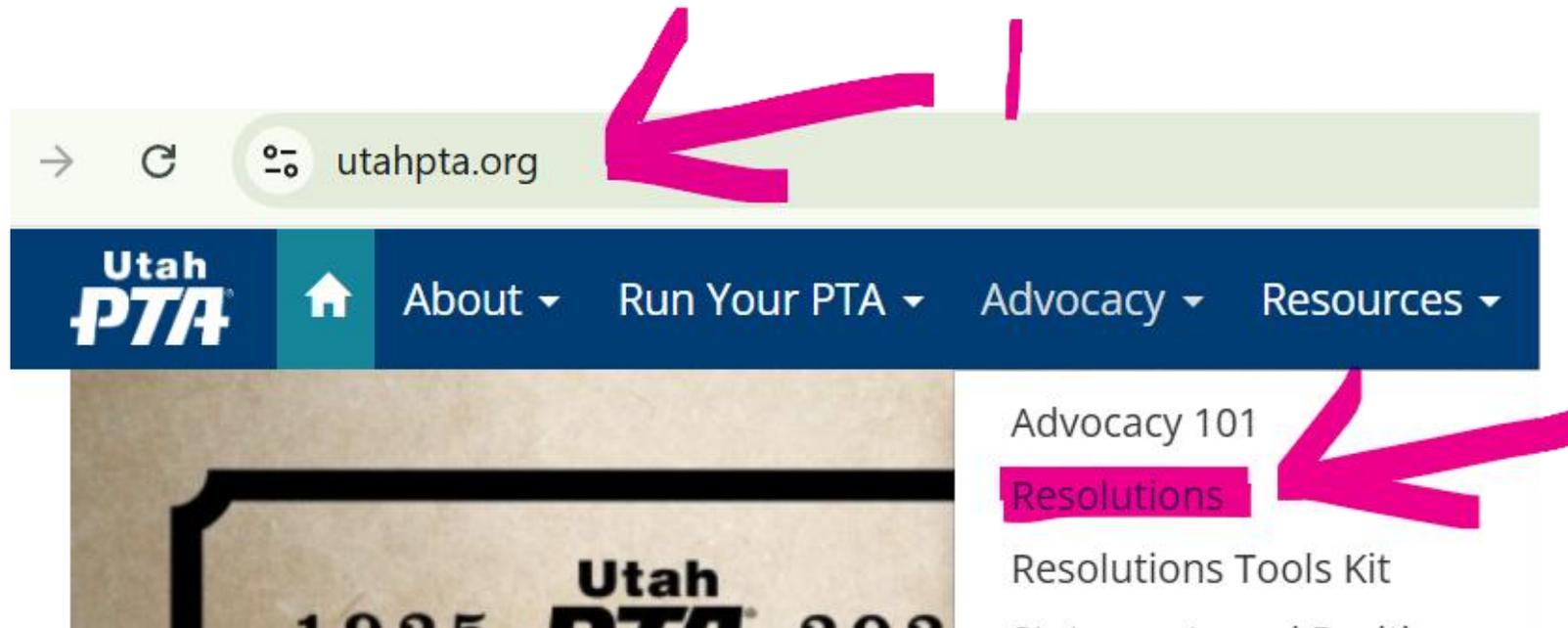
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What areas of the **child wellbeing** do our resolutions cover?



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Finding our resolutions



<https://www.utahpta.org/resolutions>



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A few questions.....

- How many areas have specific resolutions?
- How many resolutions do we have in the area of “Safety”?
- Do we have a resolution on Cyberbullying?



Do we have a resolution on smoking?



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The basic elements of a resolution: “statements”

Whereas Statements

- Statements of facts
- Based on current research
- Outlines the problem, solution or opportunities that impact children and youth
- Provide sufficient background to give a person with no knowledge on a topic to make an informed decision.



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Whereas Statements

Find a Whereas Statement for....

Full Day Kindergarten resolution?

Quality Literacy Education?

Radon?



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The basic elements of a resolution: “statements”

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.



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Resolved Statements

Find a **Resolved** Statement for....

Funding?

Students with disabilities?

Food insecurity?



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Difference between **Whereas** and **Resolved** statements

- A **Whereas** statement can be updated by the resolutions committee and Board of directors

A **Resolved** statement must be voted on by the Utah PTA membership to be created or modified/updated



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The fine print: Documenting a resolution

- Current research published in the past **7 years**.
- At least **two** pieces of documentation per whereas statement
- From a variety of sources
 - 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 biased view and often do not cite their sources



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Who does what and when ... and what's my role as a Utah PTA member?

You can.....

- ✓ Peruse the Utah PTA resolutions
- ✓ Ask yourself what area you are passionate about, and see whether it is covered in a resolution
- ✓ Join our our **Advocacy Resolution Support Committee**
- ✓ **Show up and VOTE on new resolutions!**

Come to the Advocacy Conference

Come to the Leadership Convention

Share what you learn around you.

Propose a new resolution



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If time allows

Practice matching a resolution with a bill



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Any questions?



Thank you!

Vote on our resolutions today!

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