Background:
- Public Education funding represents the largest state budget item. While public education funding is protected by the constitution (income tax is “earmarked” for public education, higher education and people with disabilities), Utah still ranks 50th in the nation for per pupil funding. This resolution aims to address the continuous threats of erosion to public education funding in the form of income tax reduction (which reduces the overall funding flowing to pay for a high quality public education), diversion of public taxpayer dollars to private and homeschooleds, and the elimination of the constitutional amendment securing the income tax to public education.

What the Resolution does:
The resolution explains how
- Both Utah citizens and the Governor place a high value in funding our education system
- Utah chronically underfunds public education (we consistently rank 50th in the nation for per pupil spending)

The resolution reaffirms Utah PTA’s commitment to a strong public education funding via the following
- Yes to better funding public education
- Yes to funding growth and inflation
- Yes to putting money aside for a rainy day
- No to the end of the constitutional amendment earmarking the income tax revenues to public education
- No to income tax decreases that bring Utah family a small tax reduction but deprive public education from these aggregated dollars (193 Million last year, or almost 5 WPU points)
- No to diversion from public education funding to private and homeschool education

What the Resolution doesn’t do:
- Prevent “school choice”. Families can still freely enroll their children in the private school of their choice or homeschool their children.

Why we need this Resolution:
- This resolution will help Utah PTA fight for children and any funding bills that would diminish the amount of funding that would otherwise flow to public education