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# Welcome



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# Advocacy VP and Commissioners



# Past Presidents



# Thought and Pledge

The mission of Utah PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children

What is Advocacy?

Advocacy means empowering people to have a voice.  
It also means speaking for them when they cannot  
and supporting them to speak for themselves when they can.

How do we ADVOCATE in PTA?

Inform of the issues relevant to the welfare, education, health and safety of children

Inform about the process, their rights and about choices

Teach to think critically, ask the right questions and problem solve

Teach be an active participant in important decisions

Host programs and events that bring communities together for the common good

# Thought and Pledge

## Advocacy is the heart of PTA.

There is no one or right way to be an advocate. You do not need to advocate like anyone else. Each thing you do and show passion for is advocating and can make a difference for someone. Advocacy can be big like being a state legislator or PTA board member or as little as helping a child learn to read or helping a parent learn how to speak up for a cause important to them. You can make the biggest impact by just doing! Being here today is advocacy! Sharing what you learn is advocacy. You are an advocate! You are PTA and you are what makes PTA great. And you are furthering the mission of PTA: *to make every child's potential a reality.* Thank you!

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# Navigating the Legislative Session



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# Governor Spencer J. Cox



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		Date: <u>January 9th, 2024</u>
PAY TO THE ORDER OF:	<u>The State of Utah</u>	\$ <b>30,699,020.40</b>
<u>Thirty million, six hundred ninety-nine thousand, twenty and 40/100 DOLLARS</u>		
CERTIFIED BY: <b>The Bank of Utah PTA Volunteers</b>		Utah PTA President: <u>Cory Lauheim</u>
MEMO: <u>965,378 volunteer hours given to schools in 2023</u>		
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# Questions?

# Education

## Legislative Priority:

Support an adequately funded public school system by funding an 8% WPU increase over and above growth and inflation; implement policies to increase proficiency levels by improving attendance, reducing class sizes, and supporting teachers; increase academic excellence for all Utah Students; and prioritize local control to LEAs and individual schools.

## Bills to Watch:

HB 29: Sensitive Material Review Amendments

HB 105: Tax Credit for Educator Expenses

HB 161: School Board Amendments

## Actions:

Go to [Vote.utah.gov](https://Vote.utah.gov) and find out who YOUR legislators are! Put their contact information into your phone, and send them a text! Introduce yourself, say you are a constituent and ask them how they prefer you to contact them!

# Safety

**Legislative Priority:** Support funding to strengthen school safety measures. This includes the improvement of school infrastructure to ensure safety and security, implementation of comprehensive safety training, adoption of evidence-based strategies for community violence intervention and means reduction, as well as the education of families and communities on school safety protocols, children's online security, and the assessment of digital threats posed to schools across Utah.

## **Bills to Watch:**

HB 201, Traffic Enforcement Amendments, Rep. Brett Garner

HB 109, Safe School Route Evaluations, Rep. Melissa Ballard

HB 14, School Threat Penalty Amendments, Rep. Ryan Wilcox

HB 84, School Safety Amendments, Rep. Ryan Wilcox

**Actions:** Contact your Representative and Senator. Attend a town hall meeting.

# Safety - Digital Wellness

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**Bills to Watch:** Concurrent Resolution to Protect the Next Generation from the Harms of Pornography, Rep. Susan Pulsipher.  
Social Media Regulation Act Amendments, Rep. Jordan Teuscher

**Actions:** Contact your Representative and Senator.



# Health

**Legislative Priority:** Support legislation for diverse mental health needs, emphasizing protective factors. Increase awareness, ensure resource access, and allocate funds for evidence-based prevention and interventions.

**New Position Statement:** The Right of Utah's Children to a Sustainable, Healthy Environment

## **Bills to Watch:**

House Bill 62, Utah Water Ways Amendments

House Bill 71 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Modifications

## **Actions:**

*Childhood Hunger Awareness Event:* Tuesday, January 16th at the SLC Library and Live on our facebook page at 7:00. (RSVP link in today's newsletter)

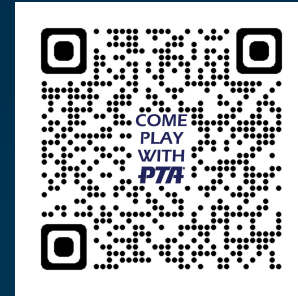
Health Commission Group Me discussions. Email [Jennifer@utahpta.org](mailto:Jennifer@utahpta.org) to be included.

# Community Engagement

**Legislative Priority:** Community Engagement does not have a legislative priority specific to the commission but supports the legislative priorities of the other commissioners.

## What this Commission is Working on:

- Come Play with PTA [utahpta.org/come-play](https://utahpta.org/come-play)
- Utah PTA Pulse Podcast
- Creating a Community Contact Procedure Resource



## Action:

For more info on the Community Engagement Commission email:  
[Cammy@utahpta.org](mailto:Cammy@utahpta.org)

# Individual Development

**Legislative Priority:** Support programs and policies that promote constructive civic engagement and citizenship, positive character development, and strengthen individual students.

**Bills to Watch:** H.B. 92 - Voting Amendments - no position yet, but watching

## What this Commission is working on:

- **Positive Civic Engagement**
- Promoting Engagement and Participation in the Arts
  - **Arts Grant**
  - Partnership with **Utah Division of Arts and Museums**
  - **Reflections Program**
- **Girls Who Code**
  - Access free curriculum and resources at: [girlswhocode.com/clubs](https://girlswhocode.com/clubs)

# Family Life

**Legislative Priority:** Support policies which will increase constructive family engagement with schools and the community and promote local positive parental involvement across the State of Utah.

**Bills to Watch:** Child abuse prevention bill-not numbered yet, so we are watching to see what happens.

## **What this commission is working on:**

- family dinner initiative
- resolution updating
- one kind act a day-impact of kindness in schools

# Student Leadership

## Commission Highlights:

- The Harms of Social Media - participated in roundtable discussions for the Governor's Social Media Campaign that aired on Fox 13

## Upcoming Events:

- Student Leadership Conference: Opportunity for secondary school students with school PTSA to attend leadership training. We will have presentations on resilience, communication skills and social media use. Jan 27th at Indian Hills Middle School in Sandy.

# Student Leadership

## Upcoming Events:

- PTSA Days at the Capitol
  - Feb 8th and 13th.
  - Lance Allred, the first deaf NBA player will be our speaker.
  - Students will be able to tour the capitol building, participate in a mock trial and hear from our speaker.
  - The Utah PTA Forces for Good Award will also be awarded.

# Action Alerts



# Legislative Advocacy Committee

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