Position Statement on Unfunded Mandates in Education

Utah PTA recognizes that legislative action that requires schools to implement a practice, procedure, or permanent structure at little or no cost to the state, forces resources to be drawn from other areas to pay for these requirements.

Spending at the school district level must be carefully controlled without excessive carryover funds, which limits the ability of schools to reallocate funds to cover new requirements.

Bills that incur spending costs to schools should be accompanied by an appropriate allocation of new funding.

Utah PTA believes in fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding and continues to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding efforts a high priority.