

## EDUCATION FUNDING

- WHEREAS, Public education is a high priority with the citizens of Utah<sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup>; and
- WHEREAS, Utah is facing a funding crisis in public education<sup>5, 6</sup>; and
- WHEREAS, Utah ranks 51st in expenditures per student, and the education funding effort has continued to decline for over a decade<sup>7, 8, 9</sup>; and
- WHEREAS, Student enrollment is significantly increasing<sup>10, 11</sup>; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs, including but not limited to, class size reduction, teacher salaries, technology, textbooks and supplies; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA oppose vouchers, tax credits and deductions and other similar funding sources for public and private preschool, elementary and secondary school tuition and other education-related expenses for students.

(Updates EDU 1990-4 and EDU 1992-1)

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<sup>11</sup>Utah State Office of Education, Superintendent's Annual Report: Section II: Data Files, 2007-2008, "Utah State Public School Enrollment and Population 1976-2008 and Projected 2009-2018", <http://schools.utah.gov/finance/other/AnnualReport/ar2008.htm>