

TEACHER EVALUATION

- WHEREAS, Teacher certification is the basis on which persons enter the teaching profession; and
- WHEREAS, Individuals entering the teaching profession must meet present teacher certification standards which require adequate preparation in the academic field; and
- WHEREAS, It is important that only extremely able persons become certificated teachers having mastered basic teaching competence which shall include adequate curricular knowledge, sufficient teaching methods and skills, and the ability to successfully discipline and control their teaching environment; and
- WHEREAS, After meeting these basic requirements there needs be further assessment of new teachers in their classroom including peer evaluation; and
- WHEREAS, In order to do a viable job of new teacher evaluation, a reasonable criteria must be established, correct process instituted, and people trained in proper evaluation techniques; and
- WHEREAS, There needs to be a closer screening of potential teaching candidates in the university teacher training programs so as to recognize individuals who are unsuited for the educational profession before they have spent four or five years in preparation for a job in which they are destined to fail; and
- WHEREAS, Utah State PTA recognizes the need to upgrade the public image of those thousands of dedicated and competent individuals who make up the large majority of the educational profession; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That Utah PTA support the complete educational family in working together to more closely monitor the preparation and entrance of individuals into the educational profession; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA instigate committees or consortiums consisting of representatives from all areas of education to further study and work for solutions to current educational problems; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA firmly support adequate financial funding of the public educational system so that the profession may attract and retain the most competent individuals possible as its members; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA support tying financial funding to an effective evaluation system that includes peer review so that superior teachers can be rewarded, average ones encouraged and poor ones improved or terminated.