

REIMBURSEMENT OF FEE WAIVERS IN UTAH SCHOOL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, School districts are mandated under current Utah law to “require...that adequate waivers or other provisions are available to ensure that no student is denied the opportunity to participate because of a n inability to pay the required fee deposit or charge; and

WHEREAS, The fee waiver provision was originally enacted to ensure that students were not denied educational or activity opportunities because of lack of funds; and

WHEREAS, Over time, the implementation of the fee waiver policy has resulted in an unequal impact on certain school districts which have disproportionately high numbers of students qualifying for fee waivers; and

WHEREAS, Utah’s long standing policy is equalization of educational funding in public schools; and

WHEREAS, Some districts lose an unequal amount of funds associated with the fee waivers in their districts; and

WHEREAS, Many school districts are required to grant a large amount of fee waivers without the ability to recover the costs for those waivers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies lobby for legislative funding designated to reimburse districts for a specified percentage of their fee waiver costs.