

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

- WHEREAS, PTA supports the democratic process and encourages its membership to be active participants in the election of child/parent-friendly representatives in the various elected bodies, including the State Board of Education; and
- WHEREAS Article X, Section 3 of the Utah Constitution designates that “the general control and supervision of the public education system shall be vested in a State Board of Education;” and
- WHEREAS, The Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act (Sec. 63-54a-1 et seq.) specifies procedures for state agencies to follow in making rules and Sec. 53a-1-40(3) authorizes the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its authority; and
- WHEREAS, One of the Educational Goals of the State Board of Education is to “Promote the achievement of high standards of learning for each child, partnering with family, educators, and community;” and
- WHEREAS, The State Board of Education is designed to be a body representative of a geographic area and thus responsive, foremost, to the voters; and
- WHEREAS, Recent changes enacted by the State Legislature to the State School Board nomination process has empowered representatives of special interest groups who are not accountable to the voters to make decisions concerning which candidates are on the ballot; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That Utah PTA recognizes the State Board of Education as the body elected to establish policy and curriculum for education in the State of Utah; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA support legislation to restore nomination to, and election of, members of the State Board of Education in a way that is more responsive to the constituency of each State School Board district; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA work more closely with the State Board of Education in designing and implementing policies and curricula that benefit the children of the State of Utah; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA distribute copies of this resolution to the members of the Utah Legislature, the State School Board, and members of the Public Education Coalition.