

### SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- WHEREAS, Utah PTA has long recognized that abstinence from sexual activity before marriage and fidelity within marriage are the fundamental principles for healthy, happy sexual relationships; and
- WHEREAS, Utah PTA has recognized the value and importance of abstinence from sexual activity before marriage and fidelity within marriage as the preeminent values surrounding education addressing sexual activity; and
- WHEREAS, Sexual activity before marriage and infidelity after marriage are major causes of unwanted pregnancy and the means of transmitting serious diseases; and
- WHEREAS, Parent involvement in a child's life is essential to the overall success of each child and is required by the State Board of Education when students receive information regarding sexual activity; and
- WHEREAS, Knowledge, skills and attitudes are recognized as essential to mature and responsible decision-making; and
- WHEREAS, The existing State Core Curriculum for Secondary Health Education emphasizes, and Utah State law requires, teaching abstinence from sexual activity before marriage and fidelity within marriage; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That Utah PTA encourages the approval of programs that assist parents in assuming their responsibility as the primary educators of their children in the sensitive and vital area of sex education; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA support school-based sex education programs that support quality family living and convey the reasons why adolescents should be abstinent before marriage and practice complete fidelity within marriage; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA support the premise that any approved sex education curriculum should teach the individual to make responsible choices and warn students that the only safe method of prevention is abstinence and should identify the consequences of premarital sexual activity for adolescents with respect to pregnancy and STDs and the limitations of contraceptives/condoms as a preventive strategy, and should not imply or condone experimentation in sexual activity of any kind; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA seek and promote state curriculum objectives which teach behavioral strategies to help students remain abstinent or resume abstinence until marriage; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA seek Utah law and state school policy that gives local districts and parent/school committees the authority to select their own sex education programs as long as they follow state law and state board policies on curriculum content.

Resolved. That Utah PTA encourage school districts to involve educators and parents in the review and approval of any program (including limiting guest speakers and outside materials) regarding human sexuality; and be it further

Resolved. That Utah PTA work with local school boards to use the complete standardized state parental consent form approved by the State School Board; to encourage parents to expect to receive the state approved form and read it thoroughly before signing; to work with local school boards and local school to establish ongoing opportunities for parental preview of the sex education curriculum; and be it further

Resolved. That Utah PTA support training for sex education instructors and administrators that includes compliance with State law and State Board of Education Rule and Guidelines on an ongoing basis.