

### **PLAYGROUND SAFETY**

- WHEREAS, Parents entrust the safety of their children to the school staff during school hours and for a reasonable period before and after school; and
- WHEREAS, Playground injuries are the leading cause of school related injuries in K-6 grade students in Utah; and
- WHEREAS, Every year over two thousand children are moderately too seriously injured on Utah school playgrounds, requiring professional medical care and/or absences from school, as well as often great pain and suffering; and
- WHEREAS, Playground injury reports reveal four major playground risk factors: (1) poor protective surfaces, (2) improper placement of equipment, (3) equipment in disrepair, and (4) improper use of equipment; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage the Utah State Board of Education and local school boards to adopt policies that require the removal of physical hazards (e.g., breakable glass in doors, concrete or asphalt under playground equipment, bleachers on playing field lines, holes or ruts in playing fields); and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage the Utah State Board of Education and local school boards to adopt policies that require local school districts to assume responsibility for replacing removed hazards with safe playground equipment.