

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT THROUGH PTA/PTSA

- WHEREAS, The Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers Association is the "parent" organization of region, council, and local PTAs and PTSAs; and
- WHEREAS, Utah PTA recognizes that students want, and need to be involved in the educational process (encouraging SEP/SEOPs), as well as being involved in improving the world around them, dealing with critical issues, such as teen pregnancy, alcoholism, drug abuse, gangs, child abuse, HIV/AIDS education and environmental awareness, etc.; and
- WHEREAS, "The goal of the membership committee is to build an informed, **participating** membership..." (National PTA Handbook, pg 33); and
- WHEREAS, Student members have much to offer PTA because they know and understand needs, perspectives and feelings within their own peer groups; and
- WHEREAS, When students and PTA leaders can join forces for common goals, building upon the experiences and interests of those students, ownership and commitment are developed and provide a unified working partnership; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That Utah PTA work within its state organization and throughout its local secondary units to strengthen the role and importance of student involvement within the PTA/PTSA partnership, allowing for greater input and participation from all students.