

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Research has shown that a fundamental component of a student's academic success is parental engagement in the student's education - and schools are partners in this "by investing in authentic relationships with families and honoring them as children's first teachers,"^{1,2} and

WHEREAS, When parents, educators and members of the community cooperate to encourage learning, research indicates children have higher outcomes and literacy rates;^{3,4} and

WHEREAS, The strongest predictors of parent engagement at school and at home are -specific school programs that guide parents to help students succeed and teacher practices that encourage parent involvement in the education process which also improves teacher morale and higher rating and support of teachers by the community;^{5,6} and

WHEREAS, When parents are involved, students are more likely to exhibit positive attitudes toward school, higher levels of school attendance, and fewer disciplinary issues^{7,8,9} now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent associations actively seek or develop and promote programs that assist parents in extending and supporting skills developed at school; and be it further

Resolved, That Utah PTA promote the use of programs and tools to guide parents, alongside their children, in forming plans for their children's education; and be it further

Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent associations provide opportunities for parents to feel welcome and valued at their children's schools and to partner intentionally with teachers and other school personnel as well as create strong partnerships within the community; and be it further

Resolved, that Utah PTA and its constituent associations support policies of the Utah State Board of Education and local school districts that result in practices that encourage purposeful parental engagement in education.

Updates Fam 2013-1 (Related resolutions: FAM 2007-1 Parenting and EDU 2013-2 Education Planning)

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