10-Minute Building Meeting:

**Tax Reform Matters!**

*Transportation Earmark and Education Funding*

1. **Welcome & Overview**
   a. Welcome, thank for attending and designate a timekeeper
   b. **Agenda:**
      i. Goal - build awareness of current legislative tax reform discussions
      ii. Disseminate the handout “Did You Know…”
      iii. Discuss together the potential impact of tax reform on education funding
   c. Welcome potential members to join our Association (membership forms available)

2. **Topic:** Transportation Earmark Can Hurt Education Funding
   a. If you haven’t already, show video of UEA President Heidi Matthews at [myUEA.org/TaxReform](http://myUEA.org/TaxReform) (1 minute)
   b. Distribute and discuss this month’s “Did You Know” handout
   c. UEA wants to hear which student equity and funding issues matter most to you.
      Go to [myschoolmyvoice.nea.org](http://myschoolmyvoice.nea.org) to complete a school “Opportunity Checklist.”
   d. Visit [myUEA.org/TaxReform](http://myUEA.org/TaxReform) for more details about tax reform proposals and the impact on education funding.
   e. Questions or concerns to share back with UEA?

3. **Local Issues or Concerns**
   a.
   b.
   c.

4. **Closing**
   a. **Classic Quote:** “Alone we can do little; together we can do so much.” Helen Keller
      - **UEA is committed to helping educator voices be heard.** Utah must ensure sustainable and growing education funding, so every student has the resources needed to succeed. Legislators should rely on educators as the experts in identifying what is needed to ensure student success.
      - Ask your colleagues who have not yet joined the Association to join now so we can share important resources and support each other.
   b. Thank them for coming.

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Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Local: ______________________________________________________________________

School / Building: _____________________________________________________________

1. Number of members attending: ______________________________________________

2. Number of potential members who joined the association: _______________________

3. Concerns or questions raised: ______________________________________________

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Did You Know...

More than $600 million in Utah sales tax was “earmarked” for transportation in 2019...and this number is growing?

In 2011, the legislature voted to send sales tax revenue growth to transportation, earmarking hundreds of millions of dollars each year that could otherwise be used for social services, public safety, higher education or other priorities. The Governor vetoed the bill, but the legislature overrode the veto.

Why is this important to education? Some policymakers claim that the best way to provide for Utah’s needs in transportation, social services or public safety is to end the constitutional guarantee that ensures 100% of Utah state income taxes goes to fund education. In reality, the legislature has hundreds of millions of dollars set aside in a transportation earmark that could be made available for these same needs.

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The educators of UEA remain committed to ensuring student equity and opportunity in today’s classrooms and for future generations. The Utah State Legislature is currently discussing major changes to the way it collects revenue and pays for state services, such as education. These changes will likely impact generations of students, so we must get this right.

It is critical educator voices are heard!

Learn more at
myUEA.org/TaxReform

Complete the school checklist at
MySchoolMyVoice.nea.org