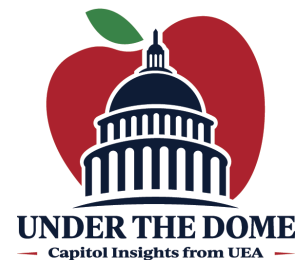




# 2026 UEA Legislative Priorities



**The following priorities are critical to supporting Utah's educator workforce and students.**

## **Education Funding:**

- Provide at least a **2% increase on the WPU** above the statutorily required inflation adjustment and enrollment growth.
- **Expand the Educator Salary Adjustment** program to include school registered nurses.
- Ensure **no additional funding for unaccountable private religious school vouchers**
- Establish **sustainable and growing long-term revenue** and ensure the distribution of sufficient funds to K-12 public education.

## **Education Policy:**

- Clarify statute to **reinstate speech language pathologists** as qualifying for classroom supply money.
- **Support legislation to identify critical resources and provide support** for educators, students and families to improve student attendance and reduce chronic absenteeism.
- **Support special education caseload and class size reductions** to ensure a manageable workload for special educators and sufficient support for students receiving special education services.
- **Provide resources for robust training** of special educators, including paraeducators, licensed educators and administrators.
- **Enhance freedoms for public employees** to participate in a labor union.
- Value educators as trusted professionals to **develop instructional materials that serve all students** based on adopted Utah core standards and local district policies.
- Increase resources for **school safety and student social and emotional well-being** including physical facilities, school psychologists, social workers and counselors.
- Work with families and education partners to **develop and promote programs which will increase respect, understanding, acceptance and sensitivity** towards all members of Utah's diverse population to ensure a safe and equitable public school for every child.