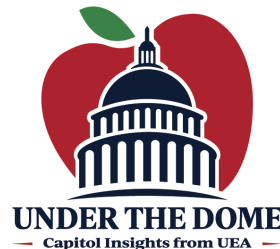




Utah Education Association **PRIORITIES 2027**



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

2027 Legislative Priorities

- Provide at least a 3% increase on the weighted pupil unit (WPU) above the statutorily required inflation adjustment.
- Clarify statute to reinstate speech-language pathologists as qualifying for classroom supply money.
- Improve parity for educators by allowing state and school system entities to pick up increased mandatory contribution costs for employees in the Tier II Utah Retirement System.
- Amend statute to remove the requirement that Educator Salary Adjustment funding be dependent on funding a school voucher program.
- Support statewide student literacy goals by providing funding to staff at least one certified school librarian in each school district or regional education service agency.
- Protect public employee rights to participate in a labor union and work with public employers on shared interests.

Ongoing Policy Goals

- Ensure no additional public funding for unaccountable private and religious school vouchers.
- Establish sustainable and growing long-term revenue and ensure the distribution of sufficient funds to K-12 public education.
- 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.
- 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 that will increase respect, understanding, acceptance and sensitivity toward all members of Utah's diverse population to ensure a safe and equitable public school for every child.