10-Minute Building Meeting:

**Tax Reform Matters!**

*Briefly discuss the importance of tax reform in the context of education funding, emphasizing Utah Constitutional Guarantee for Education Funding. Highlight the urgency of this issue and the need for educators to be informed and engaged.*

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:** Utah Constitutional Guarantee for Education Funding
   a. Show video of UEA President Heidi Matthews at [myUEA.org/TaxReform](http://myUEA.org/TaxReform) (1 minute)
   b. Distribute and discuss 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:** “One person can make a difference and everyone should try” President John F. Kennedy.
      - *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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Please send this completed document to ______________________ by the 30th of the month.

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...

Utah’s Constitution guarantees 100% of the state’s income tax goes to K-12 and higher education?

The Utah State Constitution contains a guarantee made by the people of Utah to support the education of future generations of children.

Primary Sources and Uses of State Funding

Eliminating this constitutional guarantee, as some have proposed, would put K-12 resources at risk. Without the guarantee, our school children would be forced to compete for funding with all state expenditures, like social services, transportation and law enforcement, and also projects such as moving the Utah State Prison, the Lake Powell pipeline and the Inland Port.

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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