10-Minute Building Meeting:

Tax Reform Matters!

Utah Tax Changes and the Impact on 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: Utah Tax Changes and the Impact on Education Funding
   a. If you haven’t already, show video of UEA President Heidi Matthews at 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 to complete a school “Opportunity Checklist.”
   d. Visit 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:** “We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to make a difference.” Nelson Mandela
      - **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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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...

In December, the Utah Legislature passed sweeping tax changes that will impact education funding?

The recent tax overhaul shifted the tax burden so that Utahns will pay less in income tax and pay more for food, gas and some services.

The result?

- Loss to the Education Fund of $639 million.
- Gain to the General Fund of about $480 million.

The problem?

No funding plan to offset losses to the Education Fund was included in the tax reform process. As a result of this piecemeal approach, legislative leadership has promised that comprehensive education funding would be addressed in the 2020 General Legislative Session.

What happens next?

Legislators, the Governor, the Speaker of the House and others felt compelled to publicly acknowledge educator concerns and commit to work together in the 2020 Session. This only happened because UEA teachers were a forceful presence during the tax reform process. It is critical educator voices are heard! Together we'll keep the momentum going by holding legislators and the Governor to their promise to grow education funding.

Tax Reform Matters!

The educators of UEA remain committed to ensuring student equity and opportunity in today’s classrooms and for future generations. Recent tax changes will impact a generation of students, so we must get education funding right. Contact your Utah legislators TODAY and ask them to follow through on promises to develop sustainable and growing investments in public education.

It is critical educator voices are heard!

Learn more at
myUEA.org/TaxReform

Complete the school checklist at
MySchoolMyVoice.nea.org