

UEA Priorities for the 2021 Utah Legislative Session



Education Budget

- **Fulfill statutory funding obligations created in 2020** (HB 357 and HB 5011) in the FY2022 Base Budget, including:
 - Fully restore \$140 million in WPU funding cut during 2020 interim special sessions;
 - Fully fund student enrollment growth;
 - Include a WPU inflation adjustment in the Base Budget; and
 - Support long-term education economic stabilization through a working fund.
- **Reinstate cuts** made during 2020 interim special sessions, including:
 - Administrative Cost Factor;
 - Flexible Allocation; and
 - MOST/USTAR.
- Hold all schools harmless for **enrollment fluctuations** during the 2020-21 school year due to COVID.
- Allocate \$40 million in **one-time funding for COVID-driven expenses** related to health and safety, equity, student learning, staffing needs and educator support.
- Devise and implement a tax system that will deliver **sustainable and growing long-term revenue** to address the chronic underfunding of public education.
- Oppose/repeal schemes (such as vouchers or tax credits) that funnel public education money to personal student accounts or **privately-run entities where taxpayer accountability is lost**.

For the 2021 General Session

- Reverse the **overwhelming workload** and support Utah educators during the COVID pandemic crisis by **strictly limiting education-related bills** to essential legislation that must be accomplished during the 2021 General Session.