

## **Student success is at the heart of everything we do!**

### **We must all take responsibility for student success**

- Student success depends on the efforts of many:
  - **Teachers** must be directly engaged in improvement efforts and held accountable to clearly defined standards based on research.
  - **Parents** must ensure that children come to school ready to learn by teaching them values like responsibility and respect for others, and by instilling a love of learning.
  - **Students** must be motivated to work hard to achieve their potential.
  - **Schools** must be accountable to taxpayers.
  - **Communities and businesses** must engage and support their neighborhood schools.
  - **State legislators** must provide school boards with appropriate tools and resources.
  - **School boards, policymakers and administrators** must partner with classroom teachers to promote student success.

### **Good education inspires students' natural curiosity, creativity and desire to learn**

- Students must learn critical thinking and problem-solving skills...skills developed through a well-rounded education with many choices, including music, history, arts and PE.
- School improvements should be grounded in research, not experiments that waste scarce taxpayer dollars.
- No bubble test can measure a child's curiosity. We must avoid over-focus on standardized tests that take up valuable time for learning.
- We support approaches that ensure anyone who becomes a teacher enters the classroom ready to reach, teach and inspire.

### **All students deserve tools and time to learn**

- A child's chances for success should not depend on winning a charter lottery, affording private school or living in the right ZIP code.
- All students deserve learning opportunities in safe schools, classes small enough for one-on-one attention and up-to-date materials/tools.
- We must ensure that every educator has the resources, mentoring and support they need.
- Utah must create a long-term plan to adequately fund quality public schools and ensure a quality neighborhood public school and teacher for every child.
- We must address societal issues that impact student success in school.

# Share the message about public education!

**Collaboration:**  
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responsibility for  
student success

**Education Excellence:**  
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**Resources and Equity: All students deserve tools and time to learn**



The messages presented here are based firmly on research. They help us identify and prioritize how we talk about education issues. This message framework can be used in communications with fellow teachers and the general public, such as the media, elected officials, policymakers, parents, neighbors and community leaders. The messages are most effective when delivered by teachers, who continue to have enormous credibility with the public.

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