

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-02

A Resolution of the Board of Education of the Salt Lake City School District opposing Tuition Tax Credits

WHEREAS, public education is the foundation of our democratic society with over 95% of the children in Utah attending public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake City School District Board of Education works tirelessly to educate children in a state with the lowest per pupil expenditure in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, tuition tax credits are a regressive form of taxation and would result in reduced funding for public schools; and

WHEREAS, tuition tax credits will radically alter current tax laws and may lead to economic segregation; and

WHEREAS, tuition tax credits and similar programs around the country have met with mixed and sometimes dubious results; and

WHEREAS, parents are currently offered a wide range of choice through diverse and varied school programs and open enrollment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, charter schools offer parents choice but have not been fully supported or implemented; and

WHEREAS, approximately 25% of families in Salt Lake City School District already exercise choice in public schools through open enrollment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Salt Lake City School District urges Utah legislators to:

1. Oppose Substitute House Bill 271 – Tuition Tax Credits;
2. Find long term funding solutions for public education; and
3. Thoroughly evaluate, understand, and analyze any future tax credit or voucher proposals before taking legislative action.

The foregoing resolution is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of Education of the Salt Lake City School District at its regular public meeting held in Salt Lake City on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2004.

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SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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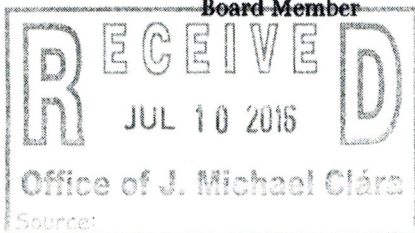
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# Salt Lake City School District

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#### Salt Lake City School District Designates All Schools In Need of Improvement

(Salt Lake City) – The Salt Lake City School District today announced all of its schools are in need of improvement. This designation is not related to state and federal school improvement plans. It is based on the realization that all schools are constantly searching for ways to improve student achievement.

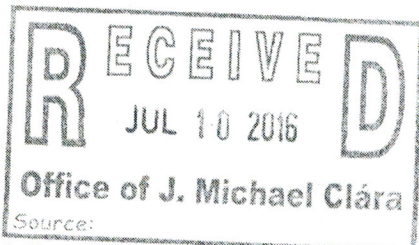
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"We're not waiting for lawmakers to tell us which schools are falling behind based on their criteria," said Dr. McKell Withers, Superintendent, Salt Lake City School District. "Our efforts to improve schools are not based on state and federal legislation. Rather these efforts are driven by our desire to help each child reach his or her full potential."

"Salt Lake City School District is a step ahead in the school improvement process," said Maria Farrington, Executive Director, Eccles Salt Lake School Improvement Challenge. "While some districts around the state and nation are just starting to learn the process of creating effective school improvement plans for their schools, our schools have been doing it for years. Preliminary evaluations of the data show our profile and improvement process, with an emphasis on teacher development, is making a difference."

The district is prepared to and will comply with provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act and upcoming state legislation. However, the district would like lawmakers, parents, students, and the community to understand that a complete education is more than just a rigorous testing regiment.

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School Name: UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Degree Award Year: 2005

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Name On School's Records: MCKELL S WITHERS

Date Awarded: 12/16/2005

Degree Title: DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Official Name of School: UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

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