

## **Tips for House Bill 129, Amendments to Education Financing**

- *School district employees should not use district resources (e.g., email) to contact or lobby the Legislature. If you choose to contact the Legislature, please do so on personal time and use personal email and other resources.*
- The bill will most likely be heard first by the House Education Standing Committee.
- The bill will most likely undergo numerous changes and new versions of the bill will be produced. New versions are called substitute bills. Make sure to track the most recent substitute.

### **What You Can Do**

- 1) Become informed of what the bill does and why it is being proposed.  
The bill can be found here: <http://le.utah.gov/~2010/HB0100ht.htm>  
A description of the bill can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/PCSDhb129>
- 2) Contact members of the House Education Standing Committee and express your concern over this bill. (email addresses are shown below)
- 3) If you live outside of Summit County, (Summit County legislators are already opposed to the bill) contact your state representative and senator and express your concerns. It is best to express your thoughts in your own words.  
(You can find out who your representative and senator are by visiting this website: <http://www.le.state.ut.us/GIS/findDistrict.jsp> )
- 4) If you live outside the Park City School District, you can contact your state and local board members and encourage them to oppose the bill.
- 5) Tell friends and family members about the bill and encourage them to contact their legislators.
- 6) Testify before the House Education Standing Committee and express your concerns.  
Meeting schedules are posted at:  
<http://www.le.utah.gov/sessionSchedule/weeks.jsp?session=2010>  
  
Committee agendas can be found at:  
<http://www.le.state.ut.us/asp/interim/Commit.asp?Year=2010&Com=HSTEDU>

## Members of the House Education Standing Committee

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## Concerns with Rep. Newbold's *bill Amendments to Education Financing* (HB 129)

- Only charter schools will benefit from this bill
- The bill does nothing to improve or help education in the state's school districts.
- 21 school districts will be forced to reduce budgets or increase taxes (given the current economic and budget situation they will most likely have to raise taxes.)
- The bill is not necessary. Utah is the best in the nation in equitably distributing school funding.