Title: School Trust Lands Resolution

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A Resolution Establishing the Official Position of the Utah State Board of Education Regarding School Trust Lands and Funds

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in order for the school trust to continue to be a growing revenue stream impacting student achievement, that the Utah State Board of Education encourages the Utah State Legislature to protect the School Trust and the requirement that it be dedicated solely to K-12 public education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Utah State Board of Education encourages the Utah State Legislature to support all distributions from the permanent State School Fund be locally administered to meet each school's critical academic needs and to enhance public education, not supplant current funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Utah State Board of Education encourages state and local officials, the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board and Administration, the School and Institutional Trust Funds Board and Office, and the Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office and Committee to take all necessary steps to assure the School Trust is managed prudently and productively for the benefit of public education, consistent with standard trust principles, including a commitment to funding equality from the School Trust for current and future generations of school children, thereby obtaining essential revenue for Utah's public schools; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Utah State Board of Education support the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration and School and Institutional Trust Fund Administration in operating as independent state agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Utah State Board of Education continues to encourage federal and state officials to ensure the School Trust is held harmless and fairly compensated when School Trust Lands are captured, sold, or traded.; and

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