

SENATE BILL 178

DEVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM



90%

of teachers support a policy that limits phone use.



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Notifications are received by teens on their phones daily.



14%

Test scores are 14% lower among the lowest-achieving students.



2X

Student loneliness has doubled since 2012, correlated with rise of smartphones.



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- **MAINTAINS LOCAL CONTROL:** Requires LEAs to establish policies that limit the use of smartphones, smartwatches, and emerging technology in classrooms.
- **ESTABLISHES A DEFAULT:** If an LEA does not create a policy, devices will not be permitted in classrooms, per statute.

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Policies must include exceptions for the following situations:



Responding to an imminent threat or emergency



Using the SafeUT Crisis Line



A student's IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan



Medical necessity

POSITIVE OUTCOMES



Psychological-related visits significantly dropped, with nearly 60% fewer specialist consultations among girls.



Students scored a full letter grade and a half higher on multiple choice tests.



Bullying incidents were reduced by 43% among boys and 46% among girls.



Sexual harms to students were reduced, as phone-enabled sexting, cyberbullying, and grooming are all on the rise.

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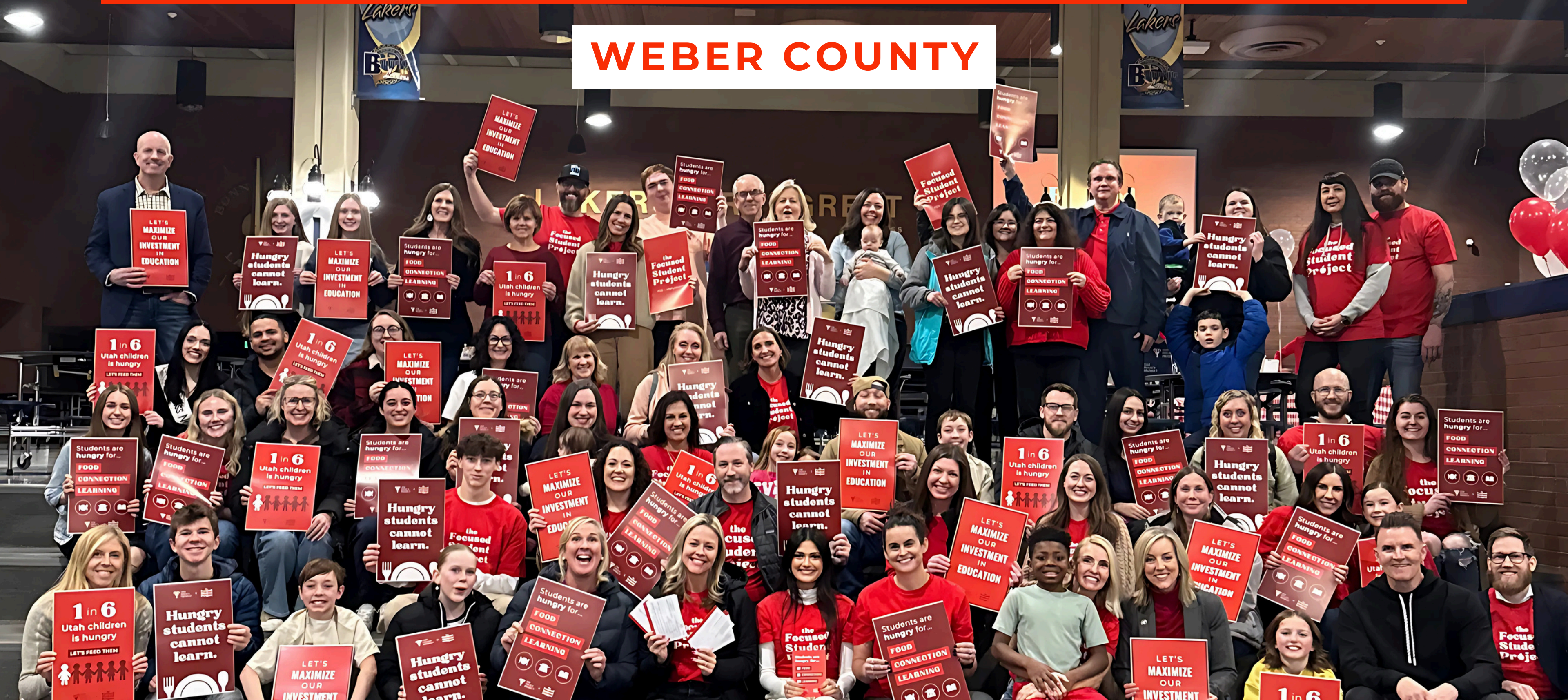
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