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



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Notifications are received by teens on their phones daily.



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

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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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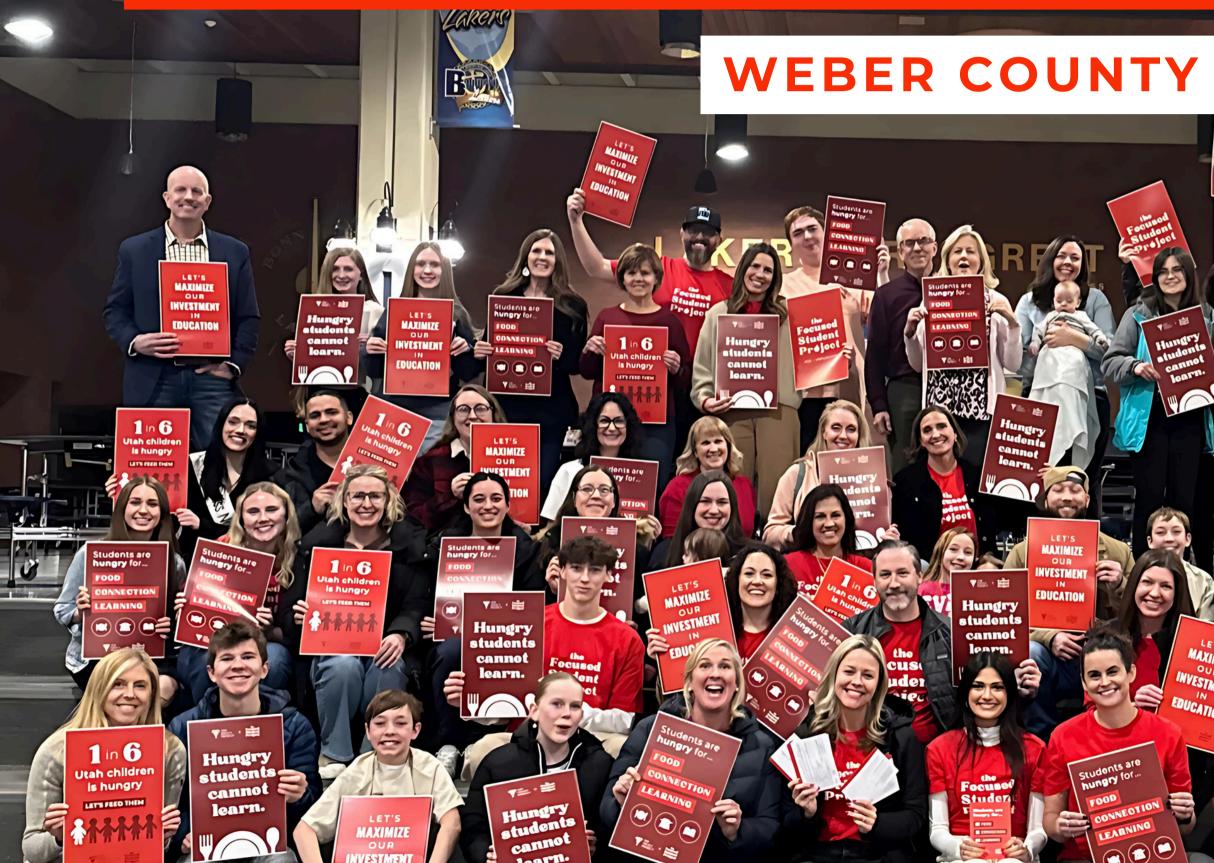
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