

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION ON WORLD CLASS CURRICULUM**

2 2012 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Marie H. Poulson**

5 Senate Sponsor: Benjamin M. McAdams

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This joint resolution of the Legislature urges Utah's public schools to provide their
10 students with reading, writing, and math competency and with broad enrichment
11 opportunities in other subjects.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ urges Utah's public schools to work to ensure that Utah's public school students
15 receive an education that not only provides competency in reading, writing, and
16 math but also broad enrichment opportunities in the arts, music, science, history,
17 literature, foreign languages, physical education, and career and technology training.

18 **Special Clauses:**

19 None

21 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

22 WHEREAS, competency in reading, writing, and math is the foundation for all other
23 learning;

24 WHEREAS, although these core subjects must be a major focus for schools, a quality
25 education goes far beyond competency in these core subjects;

26 WHEREAS, the school children of the state of Utah deserve a quality education, not a
27 test-orientated education;



28 WHEREAS, Utah's public schools should have a rich, diverse, and strong curriculum
29 that includes a wide variety of electives and broad enrichment opportunities in the arts, music,
30 science, history, literature, foreign languages, physical education, and career and technology
31 training so that students can soar and not just score;

32 WHEREAS, narrowing the curriculum in response to grading schools and evaluating
33 teachers has already prompted some districts to drop art, physical education, and other
34 non-tested subjects; and

35 WHEREAS, it is imperative that Utah's children have a rich, diverse, world-class
36 curriculum to provide them with the tools to be creative, innovative, and critical thinkers -- the
37 most sought after assets in the 21st century:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
39 urges Utah's public schools to work to ensure that Utah's public school students receive an
40 education that not only provides competency in reading, writing, and math, but also provides
41 broad enrichment opportunities in the arts, music, science, history, literature, foreign
42 languages, physical education, and career and technology training.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah State
44 Office of Education, the Utah State Board of Education, and to each public school district in
45 the state of Utah for distribution to the public schools in their districts.

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