

UPDATED INFORMATION: NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE MARCH 11, 2022

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State Board of Education Seeks Public Feedback on Gender Identity Guidance for Utah Schools

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) Standards and Assessment Committee has developed a draft document entitled, "Gender Identity Guidance for Utah Public Education." The document is intended to guide Utah schools in their effort to provide access to an educational environment that is safe, conducive to the learning process, and free from unnecessary disruption. The Board values educational equity, which includes the distribution of resources to provide equal opportunities based upon the needs of each individual student. Equitable resources include:

- Funding
- Programs, policies, and initiatives
- Support that recognizes each student's unique background and school context to guarantee that all students have access to high-quality education.

To ensure that the voices of all Utah communities are heard, USBE is seeking public feedback through participation in an <u>online survey</u>. The survey allows members of the public to review and provide feedback on each section of the draft document prior to the document being finalized. Public feedback will be reviewed at an upcoming Standards and Assessment Committee meeting to be held on February 23. The online survey will be open until Monday, February 7 at 5 p.m. MST. USBE will continue to offer opportunities for public engagement with this issue going forward.

Full Link: https://usbe.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6y7Q8gzAlA701ka

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