



PCSD LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2023

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

OUR MISSION

OUR MISSION IS TO **INSPIRE AND SUPPORT ALL STUDENTS**
EQUITABLY TO ACHIEVE THEIR ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL POTENTIAL.

OUR VISION

PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS **STUDENT-CENTERED** WITH A FOCUS
AND EMPHASIS ON THE **WHOLE CHILD** - OUR STUDENTS ARE **SAFE,**
SUPPORTED, ENGAGED, CHALLENGED, AND HEALTHY

National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) Honored!

The following PCSD educators were honored at the Legislature Monday, February 27th for earning or recertifying as National Board Certified Teachers:

New: **Kelly Henderson PCHS*** , Sascha Robinson JRES, Julie Yaeger JRES

Renewed: Matt Nagel TMJH, Elaine Peterson PCHS, **Liis Rametta MPES***

*In attendance at Capitol 2.27.23 pictured above Kelly, Liis - and on the floor of the Senate.

HIGHLIGHTS WEEK 7: Monday February 27, 2023

S.J.R. 10 -- Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Income Tax (*Sen. McCay, D.*) was heard on the Senate Floor. The resolution would eliminate the Constitutional requirement that income tax go to fund public education, children and those with disabilities, if passed by the voters in 2024. The resolution passed [20-6-3](#), needing a 3rd reading from the Senate.

H.B. 451 Substitute 1 -- State Entity Restrictions (Rep. Hall, K.) This bill would preclude any state entity to ask employment or promotion questions related to diversity, equity, inclusion, anti-racism, critical race theory, implicit bias or any other related topics. diversity, equity. An earlier version of this bill also prohibited expenditures on the same topics for training and services, which has been removed in Sub 1. The bill failed in the Senate Government Ops Committee [1-4-3](#), but was scheduled to be on the agenda again for 2 pm February 28, 2023.

H.B. 477 -- Full-day Kindergarten Amendments (Rep. Spendlove, R.) is getting closer and closer to reality with Senate Education Committee voting favorably [4-0-5](#). Check out the number of co-sponsors!

H.C.R. 10 -- Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Pledge of Allegiance in Schools (Rep. Ballard, M.G.) directs compliance with the statute and administrative rule requirements to recite the Pledge of Allegiance daily in school. Passed House Education Committee last Friday 2.24.23 [10-0-6](#). Anticipated going to the House Floor on 2.28.23.

S.B. 227 -- School Board Ethics Complaint Investigation Requirements (Sen. Bramble, C.) This bill requires that ethics complaints against local school boards be investigated by a Political Subdivision Ethics Board. The House Government Operations Committee passed this on favorably [7-3-2](#).

S.B. 257 -- State Board of Education Amendments (Sen. Grover, K.) was sent back to Rules. (usually that means a quiet death, but nothing is final until March 3 when the gavel goes down.)

S.B. 283 Substitute -- Study of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Higher Education (Sen. Johnson, J.) will be studied during Legislative Interim. [Link here for the lively discussion.](#)

Time is short! What matters to you the most in these last few days?

Make your voice heard!

[Find my Legislator](#) (link here to search by address/zip)

HD4. Rep. Kera Birkeland:
kbirkeland@le.utah.gov

HD23: Rep. Brian King:
briansking@le.utah.gov

HD59: Rep. Mike Kohler
mkohler@le.utah.gov

Subject line should include:

1. You are a constituent

2. Bill number
3. Position

Comments:

1. Bill number and name
2. Get to it – be brief and concise
3. Personalize: how would this impact you, your values, our voting district/community – and especially OUR STUDENTS!
4. Be polite
5. Include your contact info, including cell phone number, if possible.

SD3: **Sen. John Johnson**
john@johnforutah.com

SD 20: **Sen. Ron Winterton**
rwinterton@le.utah.gov

6. Build a relationship, offer continued communication, and thank them for their service.

Need a refresher on how a bill becomes a law? [School House Rock: "I'm just a bill"](#) [How ideas become bills, then law](#)