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Utah State Board of Education to Convene Education Leadership Summit

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Education announced today it would convene key elected stakeholders in Utah public education policy in an educational leadership summit on Sept. 30 in Salt Lake City.

“We are gathering at a critical moment in Utah public education,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Larry K. Shumway. “In recent months Utah has welcomed both a new governor and a new state superintendent. This was done amidst one of the most challenging budget situations that state government has faced in years. At the same time the state is preparing to compete in the Race to the Top grant program for federal education reform funding.”

Constitutionally vested with the general control and supervision of the state’s public school system, the Utah State Board of Education will invite Gov. Gary R. Herbert, Lt. Gov. Gregory S. Bell, legislative leaders, and representatives from local boards of education and charter schools to the workshop meeting to discuss:

- Aligning future policy and programs to the Board’s Promises to Keep vision and mission statement for public education.

- Identifying areas of success and needs for improvement in the existing public education system based on reliable data.
- Clarifying expectations from and discussing the roles of leadership and governance in Utah's public education system.

The Board will later announce future such workshops involving other stakeholders in the education system.

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