

**R277-609**

**Standards for LEA Discipline Plans and Emergency Safety  
Interventions**

**Hearing Requests**



July 22, 2022

Mark Huntsman, Chair, Utah State Board of Education  
Sydness Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Angela Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy  
250 East 500 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

RE: Request for hearing on proposed rule R277-609, Standards for LEA Discipline Plans and Emergency Safety Interventions.

Dear Chair Huntsman, Superintendent Dickson and Deputy Superintendent Stallings,

Please accept this letter as a request for a public hearing before the Utah State Board of Education pursuant to Utah Code 63G-3-302(2)(b). This request is made on behalf of Utah Parents United, an interested association having not fewer than ten members. This request is made not more than 15 days after the publication date of the proposed rule. The rule for which UPU is requesting this hearing is R277-609 - Standards for LEA Discipline Plans and Emergency Safety Interventions..

We have the following concerns with the rule:

1. Most racial incidents, especially where young children are concerned, are very subjective and must take into account both the offender and the one being offended. A survey erases the context and intent which greatly minimizes the opportunity for education, healing and growth. Basing policy on vague surveys that children may or may not be able to answer accurately is erasing the power of real growth for students in exchange for generalized, data-driven solutions instead of human solutions.
2. True solutions have an in-depth understanding of the problem. The problem in bullying is very personal and must be dealt with individual to individual. Impersonal, blanket solutions based on generalized data can cause more problems and division and have very little impact in truly shaping the individuals these policies are meant to protect and guide.
3. When proposing solutions that will be crafted based on surveys the following should be taken into account:
  - a. Which programs have successfully implemented programs for change based on student-generated surveys?
  - b. Are students taking the surveys seriously, or are they jokingly making designs in the answer key? Can the results be trusted?
  - c. Do the children taking the survey have a sufficient understanding of the terms being used and sufficient intrapersonal intelligence to craft reliable answers?



- d. Did the incidents being reported happen at the public school, a private school in the summer or a past school they attended in another state?
- e. Was the incident already resolved?
- f. Is there a way to follow up with the student about the incident to get further insight and with proper parental authority granted?

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to receiving notice on the date and time of the hearing.

Sincerely,

Nichole Mason, President  
Utah Parents United



The Path Forward Utah  
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28th July 2022

Mark Huntsman, Chair, Utah State Board of Education  
Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Angela Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy

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RE: Request for public hearing on ruling regarding House Bill 428

Dear Chairman Huntsman, Superintendent Dickson, and Deputy Superintendent Stallings,

This is a request for a public hearing before the Utah state Board of Education pursuant to Utah Code 63G-3-302(2)(b).

More specifically, this request is made on behalf Path Forward Utah, a collective of diverse Utahans with diverse thoughts, having not fewer than 10 members. This request is made not more than 15 days after the publication date of the proposed rule.

The rule for which we request this hearing is as follows: the Rule related to school bullying and HBO428.

Please share this request with all Utah State Board of Education members. We request our presentation be added to the agenda for the upcoming public hearing on HBO248. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this request.

Sincerely,  
Jaime Renda - Path Forward Utah Founder

**From:** [Child, Cybil](#)  
**To:** [Stallings, Angie](#); [Rasmussen, Benjamin](#)  
**Cc:** [McInnis, Kirin](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for public hearing on proposed rule R277-609  
**Date:** Thursday, July 28, 2022 3:26:43 PM

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**From:** Jefferson Shupe <[jefferson.shupe@fairforall.org](mailto:jefferson.shupe@fairforall.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2022 1:53 PM  
**To:** Child, Cybil <[Cybil.Child@schools.utah.gov](mailto:Cybil.Child@schools.utah.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for public hearing on proposed rule R277-609

Mark Huntsman, Chair, Utah State Board of Education  
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Utah State Office of Education  
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*Transmitted via email only*

RE: Request for public hearing on proposed rule R277-609

Chair Huntsman, Superintendent Dickson, and Deputy Superintendent Stallings,

This is a request for a public hearing before the Utah State Board of Education pursuant to Utah Code 63G-3-302(2)(b). More specifically, this request is made on behalf of the Utah chapter of the Foundation Against Intolerance and Racism (FAIR), an interested association having not fewer than 10 members. This request is made not more than 15 days after the publication date of the proposed rule.

The rule for which we request this hearing is as follows:  
R277-609 Standards for LEA Discipline Plans and Emergency Safety Interventions

Please share this request with all Utah State Board of Education members. Please respond with proper notice for when a hearing will be conducted. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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**Jefferson Shupe**  
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