



UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

**A Resolution Establishing the Official Position of the
Utah State Board of Education Concerning the SHARP Survey**

WHEREAS the purpose of the Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP) Survey is to assess adolescent substance use, anti-social behavior, and the risk and protective factors that predict these adolescent problem behaviors;

WHEREAS the Survey is a collaborative effort of the Department of Health, the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and the Utah State Board of Education;

WHEREAS the Survey has been administered biennially since 2003 in order to track trends, deploy resources and inform prevention programs;

WHEREAS the participation in the Survey is only by active parental consent and is a voluntary decision by each local education agency (LEA); and

WHEREAS the results of the Survey do not identify individual participants:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board of Education support the administration of the SHARP Survey according to the following guidelines:

- Provide validity and honesty checks;
- Avoid duplication of items on similar surveys;
- Prepare questions that seek protective factor participation;
- Avoid the possibility of advertising a product or brand;
- Consider carefully the use of declarative items; and
- Promote a positive proactive message to students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Education urges the SHARP Survey Planning Committee, beginning with the 2023 administration:

- To encourage online administration for ease of use and skip logic utilization.

ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.



Mark Huntsman, Board Chair