

# Utah School Boards Association

The Utah School Boards Association shall provide leadership, advocacy, training, and quality services for effective school board governance.

## News from NSBA:

NSBA has an article posted on their website, "NSBA: Federal Investment in K-12 Education is Crucial for America's Success." In this article the Executive Director Anne L. Bryant issued a statement regarding the plan to reduce federal spending. She states, "NSBA lauds Congress' action to address the nation's debt ceiling and begin steps towards a deficit reduction plan." She also states, "As congress begins to develop legislation that would seek further cuts in domestic programs, NSBA urges a sustained federal investment in elementary and secondary education, particularly for students with disabilities as well as early education programs. NSBA also urges the Administration and Congress to continue their efforts to reduce or eliminate costly, burdensome regulations that have little direct impact on improving student performance or teacher and principal effectiveness." For this article and more please refer to [www.nsba.org](http://www.nsba.org) and click on the link for a better evaluating system. The direct link to this story is:

[http://us.vocuspr.com/Newsroom/Query.aspx?SiteName=NSBA&New&Entity=PRASSET&SF\\_PRASSET\\_PRASSETID\\_EQ=121312&XSL=PressRelease&Cache=False](http://us.vocuspr.com/Newsroom/Query.aspx?SiteName=NSBA&New&Entity=PRASSET&SF_PRASSET_PRASSETID_EQ=121312&XSL=PressRelease&Cache=False)

Summer Days



## USBA News:

Last month USBA held the health reform conference in Midway. We had two days of good information, updates on health reform changes, and some fun as well. We had great speakers including the keynote speaker John Hickman, who is head of the Alston & Bird, LLP Health Benefits Practice. Other speakers included Chris Watts, Partner and Leader of the Mercer Health Benefits Business in Denver. Wade A. Symons, Principal and Senior Attorney/Compliance Consultant for the Northwest offices of Mercer Health & Benefits. R. Chet Loftis, is the Group Insurance Director at PEHP in Salt Lake City. Dave Hansen, practices law with the firm of Howard Phillips & Anderson, LLC. Not only did the speakers cover the health reform, but they also talked about High Deductible Plans, Legal and Compliance Issues, Retiree Benefits, and Benefits and Plan Design. The speakers were very helpful and did a great job at answering questions that arose. We are grateful the speakers were able to come and grateful to all that were able to attend.

~By: Danielle Roudy

## Upcoming Meetings in August:

August 12, 2011: Board of Directors Meeting

August 12, 2011: Pre-Delegate Meeting/workshop

August 13, 2011: USBA Delegate Assembly

Please see [www.usba.cc](http://www.usba.cc) for a full Calendar

*"The objective of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives."*

~Robert Maynard Hutchins