

# 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:

"Building a better evaluation system: At a glance", is an article on the Center for Public Education's website. This article states that in 2005 only 13 states were able to link teachers to their students' performance data. As of 2010, that number jumped to 35 states. This number is expected to grow based on the Obama administration's Race to the Top effort. This urges states and districts to use their teacher-student link in order to be eligible for grants. This article goes over what the current system is lacking, improving the teacher's effectiveness can impact the student's learning, the value-added models looks at students gains to identify strong teaching, statistical measures are used to evaluate people in other industries effectively, there are also ways to improve value-added models, and the multiple measures are the way to go. This article ends with Questions for school board members. For this whole story 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://www.centerforpubliceducation.org/Main-Menu/Staffingstudents/Building-A-Better-Evaluation-System/default.aspx>

"Tell Your Story" –JoDee Sundberg



## Local Stories:

Salt Lake Tribune published an article, "Summer break can lead to learning losses for kids." To help prevent this loss for the students, Alpine school district has the STARS program (Students and Teachers Achieving Reading Success). This helps give one extra month to boost their reading at least up to one grade level before they return in the fall. In June, a study was released by the nonprofit RAND Corporation and the Wallace Foundation that states, "On average, students lose one month of learning during the summer." And children from low-income households seem to lose more learning than the higher-income families, because high-income families are able to provide summer camps and/or are reading at home with their parents. Redwood Elementary has a summer program that the students must attend class Monday through Thursday to go on the field trips on Friday. Redwood Elementary is one of Granite School Districts 21 Title I schools. Summer programs are a great idea to help keep the students on track and to read more about this please visit the following link;

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/home2/51978292-183/summer-students-kids-reading.html.csp>

## Upcoming Meetings in July:

July 6, 2011: USBA Workers Comp. Meeting

July 7, 2011: USBA Healthcare Reform Seminar

July 28-29, 2011: USSA Superintendents Meeting

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

*"I cannot teach anybody anything,*

*I can only make them think."*

~Socrates