

# 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 is urging U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to provide relief from a heavy load of regulatory requirements stemming from the No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Anne L. Bryant states, "While ARRA and the Education Jobs Funds have helped, school districts have not seen a great deal of this fiscal relief." She continues with, "Meanwhile, today's American Association of School Administrators (AASA) study predicts further teacher and staff cuts of 227,000 school personnel in the coming school year." NSBA and AASA are joining together to launch a petition called, "Congressional support to encourage the U.S. Department of Education to remove federal regulatory and reporting requirements. This petition is also encouraging members of congress to allow flexibility for school districts to use more financial resources in the classroom to advance student achievement. For this whole story please referred to [www.nsba.org](http://www.nsba.org). The direct link to this story is; [https://us.vocuspr.com/Newsroom/Query.aspx?SiteName=NSBANew&Entity=PRAsset&SF\\_PRAsset\\_PRAssetID\\_EQ=120768&XSL=PressRelease&Cache=False](https://us.vocuspr.com/Newsroom/Query.aspx?SiteName=NSBANew&Entity=PRAsset&SF_PRAsset_PRAssetID_EQ=120768&XSL=PressRelease&Cache=False)

"Tell Your Story" –JoDee Sundberg



## Local Stories:

Provo High School is part of a University of Utah (UVU) grant that is worth of \$50,000, that involves DNA analysis equipment. This new lab equipment is used in everything from pharmaceuticals to genetic engineering to crime scene investigations. Many students would not be able to see this equipment until college, so they are very lucky to have this opportunity.

Also, Salem Hills from Nebo school district has teamed up with UVU for a biotech research project. Salem's biotechnology course is in conjunction with UVU and SLCC and their new STEM grant. They are researching *Halorubrum salsolis*, which means; salty red thing that lives in salty environment with lots of sunlight. This salty red thing was found in the Great Salt Lake and was named through a grade-school competition. There are 14 schools that are participating including: Mountain View, Springville, Pleasant Grove, Timpanogos, Provo, and Salem Hills. This is a great opportunity for all schools and students involved.

<http://shhs.nebo.edu/news/salem-hills-teams-uvu-biotech-research-project>

## **Upcoming Meetings in June:**

**June 17, 2011:** USBA Executive Meeting

**June 17, 2011:** Joint Legislative Committee Meeting

**June 22-24, 2011:** USSA Summer Conference in Midway, UT

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

*"Education is not the answer to the question.*

*Education is the means to the answer to all questions."*

*~William Allin*