

From: Laureen Simper
To: [Board of Education](#)
Subject: Request a hearing
Date: Friday, October 12, 2018 2:28:49 PM

Dear State School Board,

I am writing representing the United Women's Forum, to request a hearing concerning the Board's recent changes to the Opt-Out Rule for assessments.

I understand the change is in direct violation of Utah state law, which protects the sovereign authority of parents in directing their children's education, as is asserted in the Utah state constitution.

As the board increases its improper role to approve anything recommended by lobbying groups or the USDOE, I would remind you of your primary role as the only representatives parents have in an official educational capacity - the very parents whose rights would be stripped, should this change be implemented.

We would be grateful to know when such a hearing will take place. Thank you for your service to the parents of Utah.

Sincerely,

**Laureen Simper
United Women's Forum**

From: Laureen Simper
To: [Austin, Lorraine](#)
Subject: Re: Request for hearing
Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 5:37:31 PM

Ms. Austin,

Yes, the United Women's Forum represents several hundred women in three county chapters. I am writing for the Salt Lake County Chapter. The rule number is R277-404.

Thank you again. I look forward to receiving information about the scheduling of the hearing.

Laureen Simper

On Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 12:56:24 PM MDT, Austin, Lorraine <lorraine.austin@schools.utah.gov> wrote:

Ms. Simper,

Your request for a public hearing was received October 12, 2018. In accordance with Utah Code Section 63-G-302 Public Hearings, "(2) Each agency shall hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, amendment to a rule, or repeal of a rule if . . . (i) another state agency, 10 interested persons, or an interested association having not fewer than 10 members request a public hearing."

In order to have accurate information on the hearing requestors and the rule, please verify that your organization has at least 10 members, and also provide the number of the rule on which you would like the hearing. Once this information is received, consideration for the hearing will move forward.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

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