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Dear Utah Education Leader,

Utah County is growing, and it needs you. We are projected to add almost a million people to our population over the next 50 years, primarily through internal growth—our own kids and grandkids. With a high quality of life and a strong economy, it's no wonder people want to raise their families here. It's an exciting time to live in Utah County, but it's also a time for careful forethought and cooperation. Without this forethought, growth can lead to increased traffic congestion and air pollution, loss of farmland and open space, and a greater need to grow a strong economic base. With it, growth can strengthen our communities and bolster our economy. It's up to us to plan for these pressures and ensure our children and grandchildren can have a great quality of life in Utah County. That's why Envision Utah, the Association of Utah County Chambers, Utah Valley University, and others are leading a countywide effort, called *Valley Visioning*, to create a broadly supported vision that ensures Utah County stays beautiful, prosperous, healthy, and neighborly for generations to come.

*Valley Visioning* gives Utah County residents the chance to weigh in on the issues that will affect the county most in the coming years. It will likely be the most significant and focused conversation about Utah County's growth that residents can participate in over the next few decades.

I am asking you to help us reach residents, so they have the opportunity to add their voices to this critical conversation. The public education and higher education systems touch large numbers of Utahns invested in the state's future, and we want to reach out through those systems to encourage people to participate in the Valley Visioning Survey. In addition to the impact on the future of Utah County, this can be an opportunity for students to learn about the challenges facing their community.

You can help this outreach effort by ensuring your school administrators, teachers, students, and parents know about this initiative and take the survey this fall. This is an opportunity for the education community to suggest what it wants Utah to look like in the coming decades.

Please share this information with your school communities so that residents can make their voices heard, as we shape the county's future. We are certain this effort will help create a bright and prosperous future for our state. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert  
Governor