



**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

**On Friday afternoon the Utah State Board of Education passed American Leadership Academy's Proposal to waive the 180 school days and allow a "Four Day School Week". The four day school week will begin with the 2017-18 school year. ALA will report to the state school board/charter school board on an annual basis certifying that we have provided 990 hours of instructional time, and discuss our academic achievement. The waiver will be reviewed in three years for renewal. We are currently planning the programs and schedules for next year.**

**We appreciate all of the participation and input from our teachers, parents and students on the four day school week. We encourage your continued participation as we work together to build programs that will benefit our students academically, socially, and emotionally. There is a place at the table for everyone regardless of your past feeling on the proposal. Parents and students alike are invited to share their thoughts about how we can build a dynamic and innovative educational structure offering enrichment, remediation for students, and enhance professional development for teachers. It was clear in our conversations with members of both the State Charter School Board, and the State Board of Education that they are interested in our proposal, and believe that it will be successful. We understand that with your input, it will reach its potential.**

**We are humbled by your support, and understand that each of you feel deeply, as we do, about the success of your children. Join us as we do something innovative, creative, and revolutionary in changing the way our children approach education.**

**Sincerely,**

**Rich Morley  
Executive Director  
American Leadership Academy**