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BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to school, Utah! Wishing all students, teachers, and parents a safe, healthy, and successful school year. Governor Spencer Cox joined students at Magna Elementary School on their first day back. Read more about his visit [here](#).

REP. QUINN KOTTER

Rep. Quinn Kotter, who represents District 26 in West Valley City, announced his intention to resign from the Legislature.

“I went to the Capitol with the pure intent of supporting, obeying, and defending the Constitutions of the United States and of Utah, and I worked my hardest to do so. I believe that I can best serve my country and state in other capacities outside the legislature. It has been an honor to swear an oath to uphold the Constitution, and I pray that it be defended.”

We wish Rep. Kotter the best and thank him for his service to the state of Utah.

AUGUST INTERIM

Lawmakers returned to the Capitol on August 8 and 9 for their monthly interim meetings. Committees are beginning to discuss draft legislation and will continue addressing pertinent issues and seeking opportunities in preparation for the 2024 session. A full interim report can be viewed [here](#).

DELTA IN SLC

Last month, Delta Air Lines announced it will be building its “home away from home” in the Beehive State! They’re building a new 47,000-square-foot pilot training facility just west of Salt Lake City International Airport. The building, set to open in 2025, will shorten the time and distance that many West coast pilots travel to headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

Delta is a great asset and partner to the state of Utah and we are proud to represent them!

— A CLOSER LOOK —

DISAGREE BETTER

This summer, Governor Spencer J. Cox was elected chair of the National Governor's Association (NGA), and Governor Jared Polis (Colorado) was elected as vice-chair. The Chairs launched their initiative for their term: Disagree Better.

"Americans need to disagree better. And by that we don't mean that we need to be nicer to each other, although that's helpful. We need to learn to disagree in a way that allows us to find solutions and solve problems instead of endlessly bickering." – Gov. Cox

Over the next year, Governors across the nation will focus on setting an example for other local elected officials and citizens by disagreeing better.

Governor Cox and Governor Polis hope to put these principles to work by finding common ground and workable solutions toward the longtime stalemate over immigration. By collaborating with the private sector, government officials, and community leaders and stakeholders, their goal is to find enough consensus among governors to move the needle in a positive direction.

"We know that conflict resolution takes work and involves difficult conversations. It's much easier to sow division than to persuade or find solutions. But we also know that no one ever changed someone's mind by attacking them." – Gov. Cox



Gov. Spencer Cox and Gov. Jared Polis at the National Governor's Association annual meeting.



Click [here](#) to learn more.