



UTAH ASSOCIATION OF
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

Lifetime Achievement Award



Trudy Sorenson,
Voyage Academy

At the start of the charter school infancy in Utah, Trudy Sorenson had a vision of schools that valued every child as a unique individual filled with their own innate sense of curiosity. She began seeking a school that fit this mold not only for her four children, but for other children in her community. In 2005, she was instrumental in writing the charter for North Star Academy that would be based on the Schoolwide Enrichment Model, aligning her philosophy with education. She would serve as a member and President of the Board of Trustees for the next fifteen years. Trudy's countless hours and support in educating the children in Bluffdale, Riverton, and the surrounding areas have not gone unnoticed. North Star and her Board would receive recognition from the Utah State Charter Board and most recently UAPCS with the Utah Board of the year Award in 2019. Her dedication to the school never wavered as she would assist the school in purchasing their own building in 2010, re-bonding not once but twice during her tenure, and serving on the financial committee of the school maintaining fiscal responsibility each year. Trudy served on numerous committees and during these years the school would remain as one of the top academic schools in the state. Trudy also served on the founding board of Ascent Academies of Utah, giving them her experience and extensive knowledge of the Schoolwide Enrichment Model. Her contributions are greatly appreciated by all who have worked with her and the children who have benefitted from her hours of dedication.