

## FREEDOM PREP SCHOOL SUMMARY

In the 17 years of our existence we have built a strong organization with key elements that contribute to our ongoing success.

We prepare students for success by teaching them to think critically, connect socially, and serve selflessly. In partnership with parents, we create a safe, academic learning environment that supports and challenges students to achieve their personal best. RISE TO THE CHALLENGE is our new motto going forward.

Chartered in 2003 as a single K-8 school, we were approved in the spring of 2010 to add a 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2012-2013 school year. Phase 1 of 4 of our secondary building, within half a mile of original Provo building was finished in the fall of 2013 and the following year we offered a full K-10 program. The goal of the organization has always been to “grow its own” students from kinder through graduation.

In 2016, a beautiful new elementary K-5 campus was opened in Vineyard. The building was completed in two phases. Today it hosts over 540 students using all classrooms within its 70,000 sq. ft facility.

As this building was completed, we wished to free up more space in our elementary schools and so moved our 6<sup>th</sup> grade program to the secondary campus. There we created a vibrant 6-8 middle school program and strengthened the focus of the 9-12 grades by creating five academies/pathways for our students. AP and concurrent classes offerings increase yearly. Graduation rate is near 100% annually.

Beginning the fall of 2019, we added preschools to each of our elementary campuses.

Following our mission, vision and curriculum has allowed Freedom to be a stable and reliable educational entity in the Utah charter world. Key factors supporting our success include:

- Long term governing board members.
- One executive director that came onboard after the first year of the school, in 2004 and continues today.
- Robust special education department.
- Nationally recognized healthily nutritious lunch program.
- Stable, long-term campus administrators and business support personnel.
- Support, mentor and collaborate with other Utah charter schools.
- Business operations managed internally.
- Securing \$55 million in bonding allowed FPA to save in interest costs, escalating lease payments and associated expenses which then allowed more money to be used within the schools.
- A strong pipeline of school educators pursuing advanced and administrative degrees.
- Experience with both Title I school communities and non-Title I communities.
- Numerous families that have begun and remain part of our highly involved school community.
- Strong relationships with UVU and BYU in areas such as student teachers, K-16 Alliance and graduate student internships.

As a 17-year veteran Charter school in Utah, we know we have the capacity, experience and knowledge to expand our organization with a highly successful k-6 charter school in Washington County.