Utah's Charter School System - S.W.O.T. Analysis

Internal

STRENGTHS

1- Great innovation among charter schools

2- Ability to operate schools on limited funding

3- Smaller classroom size

4- Relative ease of chartering a school (legislative support)

5- Improved chartering application process

WEAKNESSES

1- Lack of school closure policies & procedures

2- Objective tool to evaluate school performance

3- Accountability among charter schools

4- Funding amongst the schools is not equalized

5- Lack of communication between SCSB & schools

External

OPPORTUNITIES

1- Continued growth potential in public education

2- Online and distance learning

3- Sharing of information between charter schools and traditional public schools

4- Unique and Innovative charters being authorized

5- Stereotypes in public mindset beginning to change

THREATS

1- Low performing and failing charter schools

2- Individuals and companies using charter schools purely to make money

3- Online and distance learning going uncontrolled

4- Unequal funding for charter schools

5- Relationship between traditional & charter schools

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