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Dear Utah 7th Civics and 4th Elementary School Teachers,

Thank you for your interest in our curriculum materials, created to aid you in educating students about county government. As a former fourth grade teacher, I know there's not much material out there to help students understand the role of counties and why county government is important.

We have broken the curriculum up into a few different categories. We thought it would be best to give you the resources, and then let you decide how to best integrate them into your classroom.

PowerPoint

First, we created a PowerPoint presentation you can use to teach how county government works. It breaks down each elected office and what they do, along with describing the kinds of services counties provide citizens. You can download the presentation on the **UtahCountiesMatter.org** website we have created under the section "For Teachers."

Assignments

We also created in-class/homework assignments and a test, and have posted them on the UtahCountiesMatter.org site. These can be used based on your unique class' needs so they are flexible. On the next page we've listed other ideas of things you can do in the classroom to make counties and county government more interesting and understandable for your students.

Explainer Video

We are pleased to offer you an explainer video (also on UtahCountiesMatter.org) we just finished. This short, two-minute video summarizes county government and what each official's role is within the county. It is animated and entertaining (for almost any age) so we hope you find it helpful.

Frequently Asked Questions

Finally, we've posted a list of questions you may receive (or we would encourage you to ask students) in the classroom. In our research, we have found that county government is the least understood form of government among the four main governments (Federal, State, County, and City).

Civic involvement and the important role counties play in our communities is something we hope to help you communicate so that future generations are able to participate and lead our communities with a sound background of solid education you provide. If you have other questions or a student stumps you, please contact us any time at (801) 265-1331. We also welcome any feedback you have.

Sincerely,

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