



USOE Report on Online Education Survey – H.B. 149
Education Interim Committee
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Background:

HB 149 provided funds for a three year pilot of an online school survey system to assist in the process of instructional improvement and school reform. The online school survey system includes surveys for:

- Students to evaluate their teachers and school administrators
- Parents to evaluate their children's teachers, schools, and their own parental involvement
- Teachers to evaluate their schools and school administrators

Implementation:

A request for proposals (RFP) went out in accordance with state purchasing protocol as solicitation # PR12115. A committee made up of educators with expertise in educator evaluation and school reform recommended the Utah Education Policy Center (UEPC), as the preferred provider for the online system. The recommendation was reviewed by State Purchasing and a subsequent contract was awarded to UEPC.

The survey questions are being developed in consultation with USOE, UEPC, school and district administrators, parent representatives, and teachers. Surveys will be administered in January and May at the end of a semester. Schools engaged in the educator evaluation pilots as well as non-evaluation pilot districts, will pilot surveys to parents, teachers, and students, using an online format. USOE will make the survey available to all pilot districts and work with the selected vendor to collect and analyze the data. The data will be reported in the aggregate form and published on the USOE website at the end of each school year during the pilot phase. The survey results will also be correlated with data from the pilot observation tools to determine a set of questions that can support the educator evaluation process.

All districts must incorporate stakeholder input into the educator evaluation process. Many schools currently use survey data in various forms for school improvement efforts. A set of standard questions, determined from pilot analysis, will be required of all districts by 2014-2015 in order to gather a consistent statewide data set to aide in school and educator performance.

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