

Utah's Regional Service Centers

History:

- Established by SB 3 in 1969
- Funded by an on-going line item in the Minimum School Program (see SB 3 in 1969 & 2000)
- Organized by inter-local agreements between region LEAs in 2011 (HB 92)
- Governed by a board of directors consisting of region Superintendents and Charter Directors
- Established to support 26 rural school districts and organized into four regions
 - Central Utah Educational Services (CUES) - Richfield
 - Northeastern Utah Educational Services (NUES) – Heber City
 - Southwest Educational Development Center (SEDC) – Cedar City
 - Southeast Education Service Center (SESC) - Price

Mission:

- To provide cooperative services, and assist LEAs in delivering efficient, equitable, quality and cost-effective educational programs that empower educators to increase student achievement and learning through local control.

Funding History:

- In 2001, the Legislature moved the RSC line item into the USBE budget (see HB 1 & HB 3)
- In 2006 (FY07), USOE elected to fund RSCs with carry-forward Federal Mineral Lease (FML) funds instead of the legislative appropriation (FY06, 07 & 08 USOE Allotment Statements)

Funding Issues:

- RSCs notified that there is no funding available for RSCs in the USBE budget for FY18 due to the depletion of carry-forward FML funds (5/31/16 Mtg.)
- The RSC legislative on-going appropriation has been redirected to the USBE Assessment Department since FY07 (5/31/16 Mtg.)
- RSCs notified on 8/11/16 that there is only **\$870K** of FML funds available out of their approved **\$1.6M** budget (4/26/16 e-mail) for the **CURRENT FY17** fiscal year. Revised 11/16 to **\$1.24M**.

Recommended Solutions for FY17:

- Support USBE's motion (8/12/16 BMtg.) to request a one-time **\$400K supplemental** funding request of the Legislature to provide funding for RSCs to continue operations through June 30, 2017, and/or request USBE to look internally at their FY16 carry-forward budgets to restore the shortfall

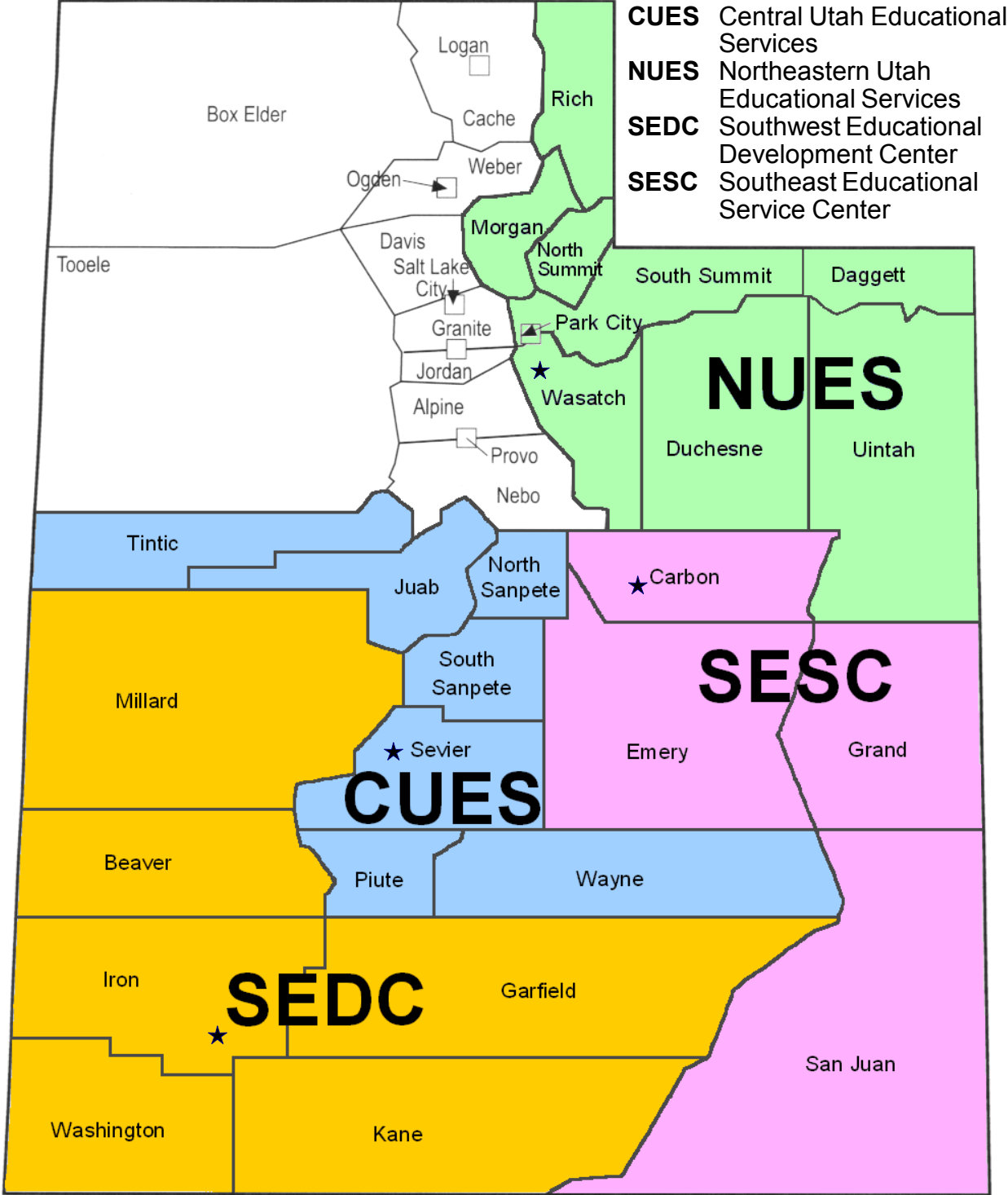
Recommended Solution for FY18 onward:

- Support a **\$2M** on-going appropriation of the Legislature to restore the RSC budget line item in the Minimum School Program (preferably as a sub-item of the Necessarily Existent Small Schools (NESS) line item)

Support for FY18 On-going Funding for RSCs:

- The **Utah School Boards Association (USBA)** Delegate Assembly approved and listed a **\$2M** on-going funding request for RSCs as their #3 priority for FY18 at their 8/20/16 meeting.
- The **Utah State Board of Education (USBE)** approved and listed a **\$2M** on-going funding request for RSCs as their #5 funding priority at their 9/9/16, and it was reaffirmed by the new board on 1/13/17.
- The **Utah Rural Schools Association (URSA)** voted to support the **\$2M** request for RSCs on 9/15/16.
- **Governor Herbert** listed a **\$1.6M** reallocation of funding from USBE for the RSCs in his FY18 budget.

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Regional Service Center Services Report

Demographics

	CUES	NUES	SEDC	SESC
Member School Districts	7	9	6	4
School Districts Served	17	23	20	17
Member Charter Schools	0	2	7	0
Charter Schools Served *	0	3	7	12
Other State Entities Served **	3	2	2	5
FTE	6.25	5.50	8.00	5.00
Students	13,579	30,170	47,274	10,029
Educators	755	1,407	3,474	543

Services Provided

Administrative Services

	CUES	NUES	SEDC	SESC
Grant Writing	X	X	X	X
Cooperative Purchasing & Warehousing	X			
Fingerprinting Services	X			X
Legal Services		X		
Legislator Meetings	X	X	X	X
Media Duplication	X	X	X	X
Region Media Library	X	X	X	X
Superintendent Collaboration	X	X	X	X

Professional Development

Adminstrator Training	X		X	X
Stake Holder Input Survey	X			X
Curriculum Collaboration	X	X	X	X
Curriculum Specialist on Staff		X		
Educator Endorsement Programs	X	X	X	X
Educator Mentoring	X	X	X	X
Educator Training Workshops	X	X	X	X
Office Staff Training	X		X	
Technology Training on Staff	X	X	X	X
URSA Conference Planning & Support	X	X	X	X

Student Services

Autism Services on Staff			X	
eLibrary/eBooks	X	X	X	X
Driver's Education Simulator Program			X	
On-line Curriculum	X	X	X	X
On-line Driver's Education Program		X		X
Sterling Scholar Competition Coordination		X	X	
Student Competitions			X	X

Technology Services

Electronic Device Recycling		X		
Electornic Device Repair	X	X		
Electronic Device Repair on Staff	X			
Equipment Installation	X	X	X	X
Financial Systems Hosting	X	X	X	
Network Support on Staff	X	X	X	X
Off Site Storage & Backup	X	X	X	X
On Site Technology Services	X	X	X	X
Purchasing Coordination (RFPs)	X	X	X	X
Regional Technology Coordination	X	X	X	X
Server Hosting	X	X	X	X
Software Development on Staff			X	
Technology Support on Staff	X	X	X	X

* Note: SESC also serves 1 private school with driver's ed.

** USBE, UETN, SUU, TCC, Electronic HS, etc.



September 29, 2016

Dear Governor Herbert, Utah State Legislators, and Utah State Board of Education Members:

The Utah Rural Schools Association (URSA), which is comprised of twenty-six (26) rural school districts, and other education partners, would like to share their motion concerning the funding of Regional Service Centers with you. On Thursday, September 15, 2016, at the URSA Board meeting, the following motion was moved, seconded and unanimously approved:

“URSA recommends and supports the restoration of the Regional Service Center budget line item in the Minimum School Program (MSP), preferably as a sub-item of the Necessarily Existent Small Schools (NESS) line item, with a minimum on-going base funding amount of \$2M.”

This action was taken after a lengthy deliberation in which the vital role of regional service centers to our rural students and their school districts was discussed. We wish to firmly express our support of the Regional Service Centers, and our desire that they be adequately funded into the future. We invite you to contact us for more information, or to answer any questions you may have regarding the centers, and the services they provide.

Thank you for your support, and the service you provide to the citizens of Utah.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott L Crane", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Scott L Crane, URSA Board President
Superintendent, Grand School District

Regional Service Center Funding History

- **1969 – SB 3:** Regional Service Centers (RSC) created and funded as a line item in the minimum school program (MSP)
- **2000 – SB 3 (H. Stephenson):** Regional Service Center line item budget listed at \$1,172,733 as a below the line budget item in the MSP
- **2001 – HB 1 (J. Alexander):** Provided a \$58,600 COLA increase to USBE for Regional Service Centers.
- **2001 – HB 3 (M. Dillree):** Regional Service Center Funding moved to the USOE budget during a collapsing of line items into block grants. The change inadvertently removed all reference to regional service centers out of State Code. According to Mike Kjar, the public education fiscal analyst at the time, the RSC budget was moved to USOE because it didn't fit with any of the block grants, and they didn't know what else to do with it.
- **FY07 –** USOE begins funding RSCs with Federal Mineral Lease Funds (06/01/06)
- **2007:** The Associate Superintendent for Business services at USOE requests to fund Regional Service Centers with Federal Mineral Lease (FML) funds. Since the FML funds are generated off of mostly rural counties, he sees it as a justifiable use of the funds. USOE redirects the RSC on-going legislative appropriation to the USOE Assessment Department.
- **2008 – HB 2 (R. Bigelow):** The RSCs receive a \$83,400 (\$20,850 per center) one-time appropriation increase from the legislature to the Data and Business Services line in the USOE Budget.
- **2009:** USOE provides each RSC with \$115,000 in one-time funds to use for COLA and health insurance increases for FY10-12.
- **2011:** At the January 19th Public Education Appropriations meeting, a proposal was made by the fiscal analyst to zero out RSC funding from the USOE budget at a figure of **\$1,538,000**. The proposal was not accepted by the committee and the funding was restored. That number equates to \$384,000 per center and correlates to the chart below for FY12.
- **2011 – HB 92 (B. Last):** Restored RSCs to State code, and established requirements to create regional service centers through interlocal agreements between the LEAs. USBE also given authority to create rules for accountability purposes and funding distribution.
- **FY16:** RSCs are funded by USBE with carryover FML funds (\$399,880 per center or \$1,599,520 total).
- **FY17:** RSCs approved for \$1,599,520 4/16, but informed 8/16 that only \$870K was available. 11/16, an additional \$375K approved by USBE, for a total of \$1,249,595 to date (1/31/17).

Funding History		
Fiscal Year	Amount Per Center	Total State Appropriation
FY07	\$378,640	\$1,514,560
FY08	\$433,600 *	\$1,734,400*
FY09	\$433,600 *	\$1,734,400*
FY10	\$398,600	\$1,594,400
FY11	\$392,025	\$1,568,100
FY12	\$384,500	\$1,538,000
FY13	\$384,500	\$1,538,000
FY14	\$374,500	\$1,498,000
FY15	\$384,500	\$1,538,000
FY16	\$399,880	\$1,599,520
FY17	\$312,399**	\$1,249,596**
FY18	?	
<p>* Received \$35,000 as a matching grant for the Data Mentor Program. ** Approved by USBE as of 1/31/17</p>		