

# University of Utah Reading Clinic 1999-2019

FY 2020 Appropriations Request: \$525,000 ongoing

\*Included in USBE and Governor's Budgets\*

## **UURC BACKGROUND:**

The University of Utah Reading Clinic was created by the Utah Legislature in 1999 to provide specific "direct services" to Utah educators, students and parents. The purpose and goals of the Clinic include:

- Offering assessments and interventions for struggling readers statewide
- Providing first-rate, research-based, nationally-acclaimed professional development and resources for educators statewide
- Serving as a resource for parents both in the Clinic and on the UURC website
- Serving as a "safety net" to "catch" struggling readers who have fallen behind and to increase the number of students reading on grade level across Utah

The University of Utah Reading Clinic is based at their Murray Campus, 5242 South College Drive Suite 100, in Salt Lake County to provide the best access for parents and students.

A "***Distance Technology Lab***" was created in 2016 in response to growing demand in rural areas and to increase UURC's outreach across Utah in both urban and rural areas. The response to this Lab has been overwhelming.

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## **NEEDS:**

***UURC services are in extremely high demand*** in both urban and rural areas statewide, especially for students who fit a dyslexic profile. The current number of students on the waiting list for basic and intensive intervention services is 1,034. Also, teachers and administrators from schools and districts, including highly-impacted Title 1 schools and several charter schools, compose an equally compelling waiting list for UURC professional development. ***UURC services have become well-known and highly-regarded. Demand consistently exceeds capacity as students, parents, educators, schools and districts continue to make requests. Without this funding, waiting lists will continue to increase and critical needs will go unmet.***

### **Results/Benefits of the Program:**

- 2017 data indicates that 28% of Utah's fourth graders are reading with "*below basic proficiency.*"
- Research suggests that most struggling readers make ***little to no growth*** without intervention. Since 1999, ***UURC students consistently average a gain of one year's growth in 45 sessions. This includes ELL students and those with learning disabilities.***

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