

“The Legislature shall make laws for the establishment and maintenance of public schools, which shall be open to all children of the State...” (Article 10, Utah Constitution).

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# 2020 Legislative Priorities

Utah School Boards Association - USBA  
Utah School Superintendent Association - USSA  
Utah Association School Business Officials - USASBO

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## Continue Fundamental Obligations and Commitments (\$35 Million)

- Fully fund student enrollment growth including line item categories (Estimated \$35 million)



## From Ongoing Current Education Fund Revenues (\$209.5 Million)

From Ongoing Current Education Fund Revenues:

- 6% WPU increase to maintain current levels of services; attract, develop and retain quality educators and to support ongoing local improvement initiatives. (\$204 million)
- \$5 million/year, as part of the 3rd year in a 5-year plan, to attain 85% state support for to and from transportation costs as provided in statute (\$5 million)
- \$500,000/year, as part of the 3rd year in a 5-year plan to increase Necessarily Existent Small Schools (NESS) funding to provide greater equity in educational opportunity (\$500,000)

## From One-Time Revenues (\$65 million)

- Allocate \$65 million in one-time funds for school building upgrades and technology innovations that improve student safety based on local needs and best practices

## Enact Policy Requests

- We support legislation that utilizes assessment for the purposes of monitoring student progress and informing instruction, rather than testing students to evaluate educators, schools and districts
- We support the Utah Constitution that designates income tax as a dedicated revenue stream to fund public and higher education
- We are prepared and willing to work cooperatively with the Legislature to explore solutions to solve the state's structural tax imbalance through a fair and comprehensive review.
- Restore the ability for local taxing entities to impose impact fees on behalf of public schools
- Modify the calculation of the certified tax rate to include an automatic inflation adjustment

**Consider the impact of the number of education bills and resulting rules that create fiscal and administrative burdens for every district**