

Utah State Board of Education Strategic Direction & Funding Priorities



2022 General Session – Public Education Appropriations, 1/19/22

Portrait of a Graduate

Pandemic Detour from the Road to Awesome



TOP FUNDING REQUEST PRIORITIES

1 WPU Value Increase
Requested: \$186 Million

- Increases the WPU value by **5%** in addition to H.B. 357 and Amendment G requirements (Legislative Session 2020).

2 At-Risk WPU Add-On
Requested: \$55 Million

- Increases the weights for students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and students learning English.



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3 Full-Day Kindergarten **Requested: \$23 Million**

- Full-day kindergarten becomes a choice, regardless of location.
- Scales up over three years allowing recruitment of educators, improving quality of instruction and providing space.

4 Reduce Curricular and Co-curricular Fees **Requested: \$55 Million**

- Reduces the amount of curricular and co-curricular fees LEAs can charge for FY2023 and beyond.
- Provides LEAs ongoing funding to offset reductions in revenues.



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5 State-Supported Pupil Transportation
Requested: \$5 Million

- Increases the funding level to near the 85% statutory contribution level to support school districts' challenges with rising fuel costs and bus driver shortages.

6 Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts in All Schools
Requested: \$12.5 Million

- Expands program to all Utah elementary school students.
- Expansion addresses the 50+ schools with active applications in addition to new schools to the program.

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7 Small District and Charter School Base Funding

Requested: \$8.6 Million*

- Maintains FY2022 funding levels for FY2023 for small districts and charters, while developing and implementing economies of scale formulas to go into effect on July 1, 2023.

8 USBE Market Rate Adjustments

Requested: \$6 Million

- Increases salary ranges for key positions across USBE to make the agency more competitive in attracting and retaining talent.

* One-time funding request

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9 **Critical USBE FTEs**
Requested: \$1.6 Million

Provides funding for 11 positions:

- (4) Educator Licensing
- (3) Fiscal Monitors,
- (2) School Leadership Initiative,
- (1) Prevention Specialist
- (1) Library Specialist

10 **Center for Continuous**
School Improvement
Requested: \$1.8 Million

- Provides ongoing funding for the establishment of the CCSI
- Supports schools and bring coherence to the agency's multiple school improvement efforts.



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77 Educator-Directed Prep and Collaboration Time **Requested: \$30 Million***

- Restores student instructional days by creating time for educators to interpret data and personalize instruction.
- Provides time for collaboration to improve student learning.
- Two-year program requires LEAs to match state funds.

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Questions