



Budget, Intent, & Statutory Motions

Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee | February 10, 2026

A. Federal Funds & Fees

- Motion 1: I move to approve the estimated federal fund receipts for the State Board of Education line-items and programs as detailed in the Issue brief, “4. USBE Line Items Overview_2026” on pages 20-23 and presented to the subcommittee on January 29, 2026, including the FY 2026 and FY 2027 federal fund adjustments as outlined in the spreadsheet “4a. Federal Funds Increase Supplemental FY26 and Ongoing FY27” presented on February 6, 2026.
- Motion 2: I move to approve the fee schedule detailed in the issue brief titled “6. PED FY27 Fee List” and presented to the subcommittee on January 23, 2026.

B. Budget Adjustments & Technical Corrections

- Motion 3: I move to approve the technical changes recommended by the State Board of Education line-items and programs as detailed as follows:
- a. The presentation titled, “4b. USBE Reallocations - Technical Changes” presented to the subcommittee on January 29, 2026.
 - b. Page 8 of the presentation titled, “3a. Contracted Initiatives and Grants Line-Item Response PEA6” presented to the subcommittee on February 4, 2026.
 - c. Page 7 of the presentation titled, “5b. Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Line-item USBE Response” presented to the subcommittee on February 4, 2026.
- Motion 4: I move to transfer the Comprehensive Guidance allocation, located within the CTE Add-on program and the Basic School Program line item, to the new College and Career Counseling program located within the same line item in the amount of \$13,666,700 (2,860 WPU) in Fiscal Year 2027. As recommended in the presentation, “5. Career and Technical Education Programs_GS26” on pages 8 and 19 and presented to the subcommittee on February 2, 2026.
- Motion 5: I move to transfer \$6.5 million ongoing from the To & From School Pupil Transportation program in the Minimum School Program in FY 2027 to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind budget, creating a new Transportation program as recommended in the “5a. USDB Intent Recommendation_2026GS” presentation on February 4, 2026.
- Motion 6: I move to restore the \$500,000 ongoing appropriation for the IT Academy withheld by this subcommittee from the base budget by interim motion to continue the program in FY 2027 with the following intent language:

The Legislature intends that the State Board of Education use the \$500,000 ongoing appropriated for the IT Academy to support students earning recognized exam credentials in the use of various software programs determined by the Board and as outlined in 53E-3-506.

Motion 7: I move to make the following transfer to support suicide prevention grants to local schools:

Minimum School Program – Related to Basic School Program	
From the Uniform School Fund	(\$75,000)
Schedule of Programs:	
Student Health and Counseling Support	(\$75,000)
State Board of Education – Policy, Communication, & Oversight	
From the Income Tax Fund	\$75,000
Schedule of Programs:	
Suicide Prevention	\$75,000

C. Intent Language

Motion 8: I move approve the following intent language for inclusion in the final public education budget bill, to address these issues:

- a. USDB Outreach Services
The Legislature intends that the State Board of Education develop a fee-for-serve plan for implementation in FY 2028 that recovers all costs for outreach services provided by the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind from a student’s resident local education agency and report to the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee by October 15, 2026.
- b. USDB Extension Classrooms
The Legislature intends that the State Board of Education review rules governing weighted pupil units are generated by students served through Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind extension classrooms, evaluate local education agency data submission to determine compliance to current rules, or develop recommendations on how to remit Special Education Add-on weighted pupil units to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind for impacted students and report to the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee by October 15, 2026.
- c. USDB Data Standards
The Legislature intends that the State Board of Education to establish student and personnel data standards at the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind that address legislative audit findings and provide comparability of data with similar data points in the broader public education system and report to the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee by August 15, 2026.
- d. National Board-Certified Teachers
The Legislature intends that the State Board of Education use up to \$50,000, appropriated in Senate Bill 2, Item 33 of the 2025 General Session for FY 2026, to support the Utah National Board Certified Coalition for travel to rural districts and other locations, recruitment and mentorship activities, and stipends that assist Utah

teachers in obtaining National Board Certification, in accordance with Utah Code Section 63G-6b-201.

D. Statutory and Related Intent Language

Motion 9: I move to direct staff, in consultation with the chairs, to draft statutory language to implement the following changes:

- a. Amend [53F-2-311](#) to replace Comprehensive Guidance with the new program name of College and Career Counseling and develop new statutory language for a College and Career Counseling categorical program in the MSP – Basic School Program.
- b. Amend [53F-2-208](#) to include the Statewide Online Education and the Utah Private Course Choice Empowerment programs in the annual enrollment growth adjustment statute and coordinate statutory language for each program. Further, I move to include the following intent language in the final public education budget bill:
 1. *The Legislature intends that the State Board of Education allocate any administrative funds authorized under 53F-6-501(18) that are not needed for program administration purposes in FY 2026 to support student participation in the Utah Private Course Choice Empowerment Program in the current fiscal year.*
- c. Amend [53F-2-522](#) to change the distribution formula for the Public Education Mental Health Screening program to remove the 90% distribution requirement in paragraph (5)(b) and allow the State Board to distribute funds on an as-needed basis to participating local education agencies.
- d. Amend [53F-6-501](#) to address the potential double-funding students through the Utah Private Course Choice Empowerment Program and the Utah Fits All Scholarship Program by requiring students that receive a scholarship to use the scholarship funds to pay for participation in the course choice program.
- e. Amend [53E-8-302](#), Annual Salary Adjustments for educators at the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, to remove the statutory reference for step and lane changes in paragraph (2). Similarly, modify paragraph (3)(b) to exclude USDB educators from receiving general state salary increases approved by the Legislature.

I further move to direct staff to draft intent language directing the State Board of Education to develop a salary schedule that rewards educators at the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind on merit and performance.

- f. Amend [53F-2-405](#), Educator Salary Adjustments to change the calculation of the annual increase to the salary adjustment amount outlined in paragraph (4)(d) to base the calculation on annual inflation instead of the percentage increase in the WPU Value in the prior year and implement this change for FY 2027 only.