

Prioritized Funding Requests

2024 Legislative Session



	Programs/Request Amount	Description
1	WPU Value Increase Requested: \$410 Million	Increases the value of the WPU by 10% (\$410 million) 6% in discretionary increase and 4% for the inflationary increase.
2	Educator Preparation Hours Requested: \$100 Million*	Increases the number of eligible preparation hours supported in HB 489 from 32 to 48 hours (6 days).
3	USBE Market Adjustments Requested: \$5.9 Million	Increases the salary ranges for key positions across USBE to make the agency more competitive in attracting and retaining talent.
4	Pupil Transportation Requested: \$32 Million	Reintroduces an incentive program for to-and-from pupil transportation funding by allowing distribution of the funds to efficient districts. Annually requests increases in legislative funding.
5	RESA Service and Support Enhancements for Rural Education Requested: \$1.2 Million	Shifts instructional coaching to implement equitable regional support in literacy and professional learning as outlined in SB 127. Provides educator salary adjustment funding for eligible RESA employees.
6	Educator Salary Adjustment Revision Requested: \$14 Million	Fully funds Education Salary Adjustment (ESA) benefits for LEAs.
7	USBE Internal FTE Needs for Capacity and Service Requested: \$2 Million / \$94K*	Addresses critical capacity needs related to roles, responsibilities, requirements and improving service to the field in response to audit findings and program expectations.
8	Special Education Funding for LEAs Requested: \$1.7 Million*	Creates a two-year pilot program to provide behavior supports for students who are struggling to access learning and who interfere with the learning of others because of inappropriate and maladaptive behaviors. Funds a two-year paraeducator training program.
9	Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Requested: \$2.6 Million	Provides a BTS learning program educator for up to 35 new schools and increases administrative support at the USBE to support program growth.

*One-time funding request

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10	Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline Program Requested: \$7.1 Million	Restructures available funding from one-time funds, which expire in 2025, to an ongoing basis; so LEAs will be able to plan on available funding for recruitment purposes.
11	San Juan School District Tribal Student Network Project Maintenance Requested: \$2.5 Million*	Provides access to around 500 San Juan dwellings in the River Region to the San Juan student school network to support K-12 tribal students with digital teaching and learning. This is the only connection available to many homes in this region.
12	Supporting Teacher Development, Recruitment and Retention Through Teacher Leadership Tracks Requested: \$2.4 Million	Retains teachers at all stages of their career with funding to create a competitive grant pilot program that provides matching funds to support RESAs and LEAs in developing innovative teacher leadership tracks.

Additional 2024 Board-Approved Interests

The following are additional business cases (listed alphabetically) that are supported by the Utah State Board of Education.

Program	Request Amount
Benefits for USDB Paraeducators	\$1,914,000
Driver Education: Increase LEA Funding Accounts	\$2,000,000
Dual Language Immersion	\$50,000
Improve Predictability in the Voted and Board Levy Programs	\$66,000,000*
Platform to Support Implementation of Library and Classroom Materials Transparency	\$2,009,254
Professional Outreach Programs in the Schools	\$409,017
Statewide Online Education Program	\$3,165,200
USIMAC Funding	\$1,302,000*

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