

Board Summary

February 1-2, 2024 Board Meeting

The Utah State Board of Education:

- Continued the discussion of [R277-328](#), Educational Equity in Schools and adopted a revised version.
- Authorized the writing committee to begin revision of the P-12 Mathematics Standards.
- Updated legislative funding requests for Utah K-12 schools.
- Considered [board member requests](#) for discretionary funds.
- [Full agenda](#).

Board Approves Revised Draft of R277-328, Educational Equity in Schools

The Utah State Board of Education approved an amended version of [R277-328, titled Equal Opportunity in Education](#). The amendments were made following a decision by the Board during its January meeting to not repeal the rule and consider updated drafts.

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Board Makes Recommendations to the P-12 Mathematics Standards Writing Committee

The Utah State Board of Education was presented with the P-12 Mathematics Standards Review [Committee Report](#), which provided recommendations for revisions to

the P-12 mathematics standards. Following the committee's presentation, the Board voted to adopt the committee's recommendations with revisions, including considering applying the key components of the 1997 California state math standards. The recommendations will now be delivered to a writing committee, who will use the recommendations, along with [Recommendations for Utah Math Standards](#) from the Board, to begin the process of writing the P-12 mathematics standards.

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Board Revises Legislative Funding Requests for Utah K-12 Schools

The Utah State Board of Education has revisited the [legislative funding request priorities](#) for the 2024 legislative session. The Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) funding request will be adjusted to six percent total. Staff has been directed to fervently advocate for the traditional Beverley Taylor Sorenson (BTS) funding model, but remove the Educator Salary Adjustment portion from the state provided salary allocations related to the BTSA program.

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Board Approves Use of Carry-Forward Funds for Education Specialist Compensation

The Board approved the allocation of \$100,000 from available Federal Mineral Lease (FML) funds for additional research that focuses on the structural challenges facing school-age boys and school-age girls.

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Board Takes Position of Support on Stipends for Future Educators and Other Pending Legislation

The Utah State Board of Education has voted to take a position of support on the following legislation:

- [HB 221, Stipends for Future Educators](#)
- [HB 296, Reading Disability Amendments](#)
- [HB 251, Postretirement Reemployment Restrictions Amendments](#)
- [SB 52, Educator Salary Amendments,](#)

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New Administrative Rules and Amendments Approved

The Utah State Board of Education approved the following new administrative rules and administrative rule amendments:

- [R277-471, School Construction Oversight, Inspections, Training, and Reporting](#). This rule is being amended to delete section 13 from the rule.
- [R277-486, Professional Staff Cost Program](#). This rule is being amended to strike the prohibition on Line 42 of funding WPUs for an LEA's interns.
- [R277-308, New Educator Induction and Mentoring](#). This rule is being continued upon its five-year review.
- [R277-912, Law Enforcement Related Incident Reporting](#). This rule is being continued upon its five-year review.
- [R277-910, Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Prevention Program](#). This rule is being continued upon its five-year review.

Board Approves Consent Calendar

The Utah State Board of Education approved its consent calendar and requested that the WestEd contract be amended to include a requirement to comply with the revised [R277-328](#).

Highlights of Friday's Committee Meetings and Study Session

The Utah State Board of Education [Finance, Law and Licensing, and Standards and Assessment Committees](#) met on Friday, February 2.

Items that were approved in the committee meetings will be heard by the full Board during its March meeting.

Finance Committee Highlights of the meeting included:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-487: Public School Confidentiality and Disclosure](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-726, Statewide Online Education Program \(SOEP\)](#).

Law and Licensing Committee Highlights of the meeting included:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-301, Educator Licensing](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-302, Educator Licensing Renewal](#).

Standards and Assessment Committee Highlights of the meeting included:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-724, Criteria for Sponsors Recruiting Day Care Facilities in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#).
- Preliminary approval of [Summer Electronic Balance Transfer \(EBT\) new Child Nutrition Program](#).