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2021 Utah Teacher of the Year Finalists Named

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Education today announced the five finalists for 2021 Utah Teacher of the Year. They are:

- John Arthur, a sixth grade teacher at Meadowlark Elementary in the Salt Lake City School District.
- Rae Boren, an American Sign Language teacher at Copper Hills High School in the Jordan School District.
- Amy Grgich, a kindergarten teacher at Stansbury Park Elementary in the Tooele School District.
- Emma Moss, a Career and Technical Education teacher at Eastmont Middle School in the Canyons School District.
- Ryan Wells, a Spanish teacher at Taylorsville High School in the Granite School District.
A panel with representatives from teachers, parents, charter schools, the Utah State Board of Education and 2020 Utah Teacher of the Year Lauren Merkley selected the finalists from among the district and charter school teachers of the year from throughout the state to select a winning teacher. The announcement will be made on October 1.

The 2021 Utah Teacher of the Year will represent Utah in the National Teacher of the Year Program in Washington, D.C. and will succeed Merkley, who is an English teacher at Cottonwood High School in the Granite School District.

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