

**AGREEMENT FOR WAIVER OF
UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE**

**Garfield County School District- Boulder Elementary School
R277-419 4-Day School Week**

This Agreement is entered into by and between the Utah State Board of Education ("Board"), and Garfield County School District a local education agency ("LEA").

RECITALS

- I. The Board has general supervision and control of Utah's public education system and has been granted the authority to make rules to execute its duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law;
- II. The Board has exercised this authority and adopted Utah Administrative Code, Title R277. Education;
- III. LEA is subject to the requirements of U.A.C. R277. Education;
- IV. U.A.C. R277-121, allows an LEA to petition the Board for a waiver of requirements contained in an administrative rule adopted by the Board;
- V. U.A.C. R277- 419-4 *Minimum School Days* requires an LEA hold school on at least 180 days for at least 990 hours per school year;
- VI. LEA has petitioned the Board for a waiver of the requirements of R277- 419-4 to allow Boulder Elementary School to hold school for less than the 180 days to implement a 4-day school week schedule;
- VII. LEA submitted all necessary information called for under R277-121-2;
- VIII. The Board referred LEA's waiver request to its Law and Licensing Committee for review and recommendation;
- IX. The Law and Licensing Committee reviewed LEA's waiver request in an open meeting

held Friday, March 20, 2020 and favorably referred the request to the full Board for action;

X. The Board reviewed and discussed LEA's waiver request during its meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2020 and by motion, approved the waiver request by a majority vote subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

AGREEMENT

1. **Waiver and Purpose.** LEA is exempted from the requirements of R277- 419-4, specifically, the requirement that an LEA hold school for a minimum of 180 days per school year is waived for the purpose of implementing a 4-day school week.

2. **Alternative or Amended Compliance.** During the term of this waiver, LEA shall:

a. hold school for at least 990 instructional hours per school year consistent with

R277-419 Pupil Accounting;

b. maintain or increase the level of student achievement at applicable schools; and

c. maintain or decrease absenteeism of students attending applicable schools.

3. **Effective Dates.** The effective date of this waiver shall be the 2020-2021 school year and continue until the end of the 2023-2024 school year, subject to the fulfillment of all of the terms and conditions found herein as well as compliance with all other applicable statutes and regulations. There will be no extension of this waiver except by reapplication to the Board through the Board's waiver process in effect at the time of reapplication.

4. **Periodic Reports.** LEA shall provide the Board or the Law and Licensing Committee reports as requested which may include:

a. public input regarding the impact of the waiver on the school community (may include survey of school employees, parents, students, etc.);

b. data evidencing student achievement has remained consistent or improved over the time period the waiver has been in effect (may include assessments, grades, attendance, graduation rates, etc.);

c. evidence of compliance with alternative requirements (may include school

calendar, activity calendar, course enrollment data, etc.);

- d. evidence of financial savings (if applicable);
- e. other data evidencing the impact of the waiver on the education system or environment.

5. **Amendment.** This waiver may not be amended except in writing signed by both parties and accompanied by such additional Board action as is necessary to approve any amendment.

6. **Termination.** This waiver may be terminated by the Board at any time, upon 30 days' notice, if it finds that there has been any material misrepresentation of any fact(s) in the request for waiver or in the periodic reporting, or if the Board determines there are material deficiencies in student performance/achievement or unreasonable increases in costs to the LEA or its students not anticipated by either Party or not represented to the Board by the LEA. LEA may terminate this waiver at any time prior to its expiration upon providing written notice to the Board.

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION


MARK HUNTSMAN

May 11, 2020
Date

Utah State Board of Education, Chair

GARFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT


BOARD PRESIDENT

July 17, 2023
Date


SUPERINTENDENT

July 11, 2023
Date