

General Session of the Utah Legislature

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FOREWORD

This publication represents the combined efforts of staff members at the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). It is intended to be a single-source review of education-related legislation from the 2021 Legislative Session. This publication is written for state school board members, local education agency (LEA) board members, superintendents, charter school administrators, and school business administrators. It may also be useful to other public education-related organizations and to state legislators.

The main body of the publication reviews each education-related bill that was passed and identifies action that might be taken by USBE, local school boards, and charter school governing boards to implement the requirements of the legislation. The publication also contains summary information on funding and bills not passed.

This publication is a service of USBE, but is not intended to convey any specific direction or assignments for action by local education agencies. The Utah State Board of Education will adopt administrative rules as necessary to implement new legislation. This publication is also not intended as a formal legal opinion or interpretation of legislative action.

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COVID-19 IMPACTS ON FUNDING

On March 12, 2020, the 2020 General Session, which saw significant investments in education, adjourned. One day later, March 13th, Governor Gary Herbert announced a two-week soft closure for Utah's public schools which eventually turned into remote learning for the remainder of the school year. The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically increased economic uncertainty for the state. In May 2020, state revenue projections indicated that FY 2021 state revenues could be reduced by as much as \$1.3 billion. In response, through several special sessions, the Legislature revised appropriations for FY 2020 and FY 2021.

At the close of the 2020 General Session, for FY 2021 the Legislature had appropriated **\$5.9 billion** for public education including a **6% WPU** value increase (\$3,745) and **\$408.4 million** in new funding. Following the 2020 special sessions, the appropriated public education budget for FY 2021 was reduced to **\$5.7 billion** including a **1.8% WPU** value increase (\$3,596) and **\$101.7 million** in new funding. Thus, there are significant differences between the 2020 and 2021 Public Education Summaries due to these changes that occurred after the 2020 General Session in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.





New Public Education Funding

QUICK GUIDE

2021 General Session of the Utah Legislature

This summary is intended to be a review of selected highlights of education- related legislation from the 2021 Legislative Session. This Quick Guide is designed for teachers, parents, and public education-related

organizations.

7.0% Growth was funded in MSP
Programs (1.09%); additionally, the value of the WPU was increased by 5.9%

8.2%

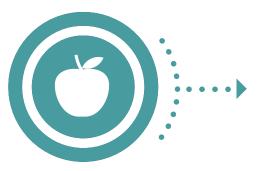
Total Minimum School Program (MSP) Funding: \$5.4 billion, an 8.2% increase from FY 2021

\$6.1 Billion

Total Public Education
Budget FY 2022

 Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU)
 FY 2021
 FY 2022
 Increase
 Percent

 \$3,596
 \$3,809
 \$213
 5.9%



Enrollment Growth & WPU

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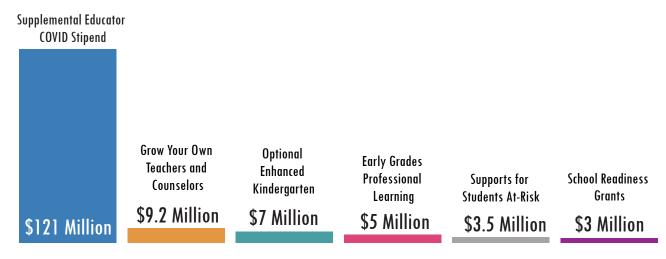
\$248,918,500 ongoing and \$48,239,500 one-time. This funding includes the WPU value increase. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will be funded on the prior year Average Daily Membership (ADM) + growth. Enrollment growth was funded for an estimated increase of 7,245 over fall 2020 enrollments. In addition, a contingency fund was created to cover higher than expected growth.



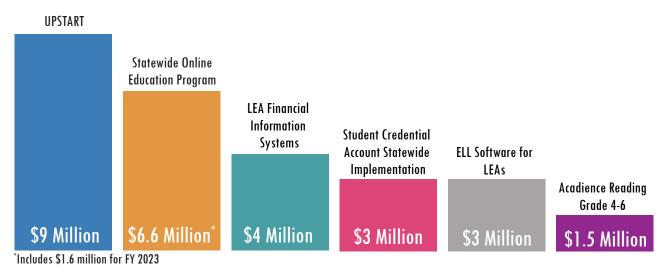
Voted and Board Local Levy Programs

The state guarantees up to a maximum of **20** tax increments (tax rate of 0.002) between the Voted and Board Local Levy Programs with appropriated funds of **\$95.1** million.

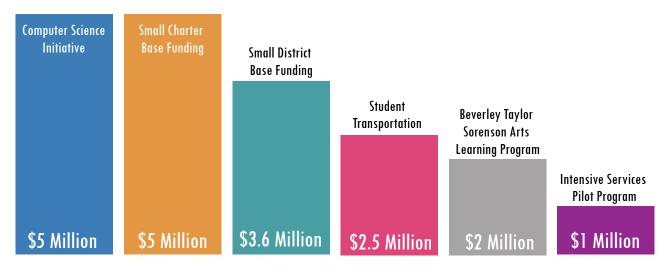
NOTABLE FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS



Teacher & Student Support



Investments in Technology



Program Increases

GENERAL SESSION AGENCY APPROPRIATION ITEMS

FY 2022 ONGOING REQUESTS

A. Programs for LEAs - Ongoing	Bill/Item	Ongoing	USBE Priority Request
UPSTART	HB 2, 14	\$5,000,000	
Statewide Online Education Program	SB 234/SB 3, 309	\$1,767,000	
Early Grades Professional Learning	HB 2, 15	\$1,065,000	
Acadience Reading Grades 4-6	HB 2, 14	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Suicide Prevention Funding	HB 93/SB 3, 301	\$500,000	
ProStart	HB 2, 14	\$300,000	
Informal Science Education Enhancement POPS Provisional	HB 2, 16 HB 2, 13	\$250,000 \$250,000	\$200,000 \$200,000
American Indian & Alaskan Native Education	HB 2, 18	\$225,000	
ISEE Provider Expansion	HB 2, 16	\$225,000	
School Social Worker Specialist School LAND Trust Website	HB 2, 17 HB 2, 17	\$200,000 \$170,000	\$200,000 \$275,000
Statewide Online Education Program FTE	SB 1, 9, 33	\$120,000	
USBE Economist Statistician	HB 2, 17	\$112,300	
Leadership Training for Principals	HB 2, 18	\$49,500	
B. Programs for LEAs - One-Time	Bill/Item	One-Time	USBE Priority Request
Computer Science Initiative	HB 2, 14	\$5,000,000	\$7,000,000
Statewide Online Education Program LEA Financial Information Systems (FY 2021)	HB 2, 21 HB 2, 6	\$4,800,000 \$4,000,000	\$4,730,700 \$4,000,000
UPSTART Student Credential Account Statewide Implementation	HB 2, 14 HB 2, 14	\$4,000,000 \$3,000,000	
Statewide Online Education Program	SB 3, 305, 309	(\$1,550,000)	
Education Monitoring and Funds Management	HB 425, 1	\$1,000,000	
Utah Prime Pilot Program	HB 2, 18	\$800,000	\$800,000
Utah Anti-Bullying Coalition	HB 2, 14	\$300,000	
Early Warning Pilot Program	HB 2, 14	\$125,000	
School LAND Trust Website	HB 2, 17	\$105,000	\$275,000
Statewide Online Education Program FTE	SB 1, 9, 33	\$60,000	
Leadership Training for Principals Program	HB 2, 17	\$48,000	
Reporting Requirements for LEAs School Resource Officers Amendments	HB 300/SB 3, 302 HB 345/SB 3, 303	\$39,000 \$20,000	
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USBE POLICY POSITIONS

Supported Bills	Outcome
HB 222 School Land Trust Program Amendments (J. Moss)	Passed
HB 105 Students with Disabilities Amendments (Judkins)	Held in Senate
SB 91 School Accountability Amendments (Fillmore)	Held in Senate
SB 118 State School Board Candidate Amendments (Riebe)	Held in Senate
SB 154 Teacher Salary Supplement Program Amendments (Sandall)	Passed
HB 134 Notice of Public Education Reporting Requirement (Pulsipher)	Passed
HB 279 Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth (Snow)	Passed
HB 425 Education Monitoring and Funds Management Amendments (Snow)	Passed
HB 421 Intensive Services Pilot Program (Judkins)	Passed
HB 430 Student Safety Education for Parents Amendments (Eliason)	Held in House
HB 402 School Transportation Funding Amendments (Johnson)	Passed
HB 381 Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program (J. Moss)	Passed
HB 38 School Technology Amendments (Seegmiller)	Passed
HB 382 Online Course Access Amendments (Birkeland)	Held in House
HB 395 Charter School Finance Amendments (Waldrip)	Held in House
HB 340 Mathematics and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program (Eliason)	Held in Senate
Opposed Bills	Outcome
1st and 2nd Sub SB 175 Special Education Least Restrictive Requirement Amendments (Anderegg)	Held in Senate
SB 131 Public Education Buildings Standards and Process (Harper)	Held in House
HB 428 Public Education Governance and Appeals (Waldrip)	Held in House

	Total FY21 Approp.	FY22 Bas	FY22 Base Approp.	FY22 Adju Budget	FY22 Adjusted Base Budget Approp.	FY22 Approp.	Total FY2	Total FY22 Approp.	
1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 100	\$ Value	WPUs	\$ Value	WPUs	\$ Value	\$ Value	WPUs	\$ Value	Growth
Basic School Program									
Kindergarten	98,199,600	26,446	100,732,800				26,446	100,732,800	2.6%
Grades 1-12	2,179,447,800	604,069	2,300,898,800				604,069	2,300,898,800	2.6%
Foreign Exchange	0	328	1,249,400				328	1,249,400	100%
NESS	38,508,600	10,577	40,287,800	131	4,100,000		10,708	44,387,800	15.3%
ProStaff	204,027,900	57,070	217,379,600				57,070	217,379,600	8:99
Admin Cost	0	0	0				0	0	%0:0
SPED - Add-on	310,865,700	88,328	336,441,400				88,328	336,441,400	8.2%
SPED - Preschool	40,674,500	11,311	43,083,600				11,311	43,083,600	2.9%
SPED - Self Contained	47,571,500	12,510	47,650,600				12,510	47,650,600	0.2%
SPED - ESY	1,643,400	457	1,740,700				457	1,740,700	2.9%
SPED - Impact Aid	7,407,700	2,060	7,846,400				2,060	7,846,400	2.9%
SPED - Intensive Services	0	0	0				0	0	%0.0
SPED - Extended Year for Special Educators	3,268,800	606	3,462,400				606	3,462,400	2.9%
CTE Add-on	104,643,600	29,100	110,841,900				29,100	110,841,900	2.9 %
Class Size Reduction	152,380,600	42,375	161,406,500				42,375	161,406,500	2.9%
Enrollment Growth Contingency	21,500,000	7,727	50,932,100				7,727	50,932,100	136.9 %
Students At-Risk Add-on	0	0	0	13,505	51,440,900	2,600,000 13,505	13,505	54,040,900	100%
Subtotal	3,210,139,700	893,267	3,423,954,000	13,636	55,540,900	2,600,000 906,903	906,903	3,482,094,900	

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	\$ Value	\$ Value	\$ Value	\$ Value	\$ Value	Growth
A. Related to Basic Programs	ams					
To/From Pupil Transportation	101,421,000	108,606,500	2,500,000		111,106,500	9.5%
Rural School Transportation Grants	1,000,000	1,000,000			1,000,000	%0
Rural School Transportation Reimbursement	200,000	500,000			500,000	%0
Charter School Local Replacement	205,331,500	218,178,700			218,178,700	6.3%
Charter School Funding Base Program	3,100,000	3,100,000	5,000,000		8,100,000	161.3%

Program	Total FY21 Approp. \$ Value	FY22 Base Approp. \$ Value	FY22 Adjusted Base Budget Approp. \$ Value	FY22 Approp. \$ Value	Total FY22 Approp. \$ Value Gro	p prop. Growth
B. Focus Populations						
Enhancement for At-Risk Students (now Gang Prevention and Intervention)	48,203,700	52,646,800	(54,646,800)	2,105,900	2,105,900	-95.6%
Youth-in-Custody	25,980,500	27,821,200			27,821,200	7.1%
Adult Education	14,601,400	15,635,900			15,635,900	7.1%
Enhancement for Accelerated Students	5,648,100	6,048,300			6,048,300	7.1%
Concurrent Enrollment	12,104,100	12,961,700			12,961,700	7.1%
Paraeducators Program	300,000	300,000			300,000	%0
Early Literacy Program	14,550,000	14,550,000			14,550,000	%0
Early Intervention	17,455,000	17,455,000	7,000,000		24,455,000	40.1%
Special Education Intensive Services	0	0		1,000,000	1,000,000	100%
English Language Learner Software Grants	3,000,000	0		4,500,000	4,500,000	100%

	Total FY21 Approp.	FY22 Base Approp.	FY22 Adjusted Base Budget Approp.	FY22 Approp.	Total FY22 Approp.	pprop.
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C. Educator Supports						
Educator Salary Adjustment	187,954,200	187,954,200			187,954,200	%0
Teacher Salary Supplement Program	22,228,600	22,228,600	37,500		22,266,100	0.5%
National Board Certified Teachers	246,300	246,300	(246,300)		0	-100%
Teacher Supplies & Materials	5,500,000	5,500,000			5,500,000	%0
Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools Incentive Program	250,000	250,000	438,000		000′889	175.2%
Grants for Educators in High-need Schools	200,000	200,000	(200,000)		0	-100%
Elementary School Counselor Program	2,100,000	2,100,000			2,100,000	%0
Grants for Professional Learning			3,935,000		3,935,000	100%
Grow Your Own Teacher and Counselor Program				9,200,000	9,200,000	100%
Supplemental Education COVID Stipend	121,000,000				0	-100%

Program	z .	FY22 Base Approp.	FY22 Adjusted Base Budget Approp.	FY22 Approp.	Total FY22 Approp.	Approp.
D. Statewide Initiatives	\$ Value	> Value	s Value	\$ Value	s value	Growth
School LAND Trust Program	88,829,100	92,842,800			92,842,800	4.5%
Teacher and Student Success Program	108,250,000	130,734,800			130,734,800	20.8%
Student Health and Counseling Support Program	25,480,000	25,480,000			25,480,000	%0
School Library Books/ Electronic Resources	765,000	765,000			765,000	%0
Matching Fund for School Nurses	1,002,000	1,002,000			1,002,000	%0
Dual Immersion	5,030,000	5,030,000			5,030,000	%0
Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program	10,880,000	10,880,000	2,000,000		12,880,000	18.4%
Digital Teaching and Learning Program	19,852,400	19,852,400			19,852,400	%0

Approp. Program \$\xsigma Value\$ E. Voted & Board Local Levy Programs	Total FY21 Approp. \$ Value I Levy Programs	FY22 Base Approp. \$ Value	FY22 Adjusted Base Budget Approp. \$ Value	FY22 Approp. \$ Value	Total FY22 Approp. \$ Value Grov	oprop. Growth
Voted Local Levy Program	531,048,500	575,502,500			575,502,500	8.4%
Board Local Levy Program	296,994,200	328,724,400			328,724,400	10.7%
Board Local Levy Program - Early Literacy Program	15,000,000	15,000,000			15,000,000	%0
A-E Subtotal	1,896,105,600	1,903,397,100	(32,482,600)	16,805,900	1,887,720,400	
Total Minimum School Program	5,106,245,300	5,327,351,100	23,058,300	19,405,900	5,369,815,300	
Capital Outlay Program						
Capital Outlay Foundation Program	27,610,900	27,610,900			27,610,900	%0
Capital Outlay Enrollment Growth	5,638,800	5,638,800			5,638,800	%0

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2021 NOTABLE EDUCATION BILLS

The following are notable bills which passed during the 2021 General Session.

S.B. 184

School Assessment and Accountability Amendments

Suspends for the 2020-21 school year, state school accountability requirements due to the suspension of assessments in Spring 2020.

H.B. 381

Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program

Creates a teacher and school counselor pipeline program to provide funding to LEAs to award scholarships to paraprofessionals, school counselor assistants, and school counselor interns.

S.B. 107

In-person Instruction Prioritization

Requires an LEA to provide an option for students to attend school in-person at least four days per week and amends the COVID case thresholds to 2% or 30 cases depending on school size.

S.B. 234

Statewide Online Education Program Amendments

Expands the Statewide
Online Education Program to
middle school courses in
grades 7 and 8 for public
school students beginning
January 1, 2022 and for
home and private school
students beginning Fall
2022.

S.B. 226

Online Education Program Revisions

Allows a certified online course provider that the State Board approves to offer courses directly through the Statewide Online Education Program and authorizes the State Board to set fees to cover the costs of regulating course providers.

H.B. 42

Education Agency Report Process Amendments

Requires the State Board to establish procedures to evaluate the impact a report required in rule may have on a local education agency. Removes several education reporting requirements.

2021 NOTABLE EDUCATION BILLS

The following are notable bills which passed during the 2021 General Session.

S.B. 160

State Audit Amendments

Authorizes the legislative auditor general to perform appropriation audits of school districts and charter schools.

S.B. 178

Education Deadline and Fiscal Flexibility

Allows an LEA to convert 35% of state restricted funds to be used as if they are unrestricted funds. It also delays a school fees requirement by one year.

H.B. 425

Education Monitoring and Funds Management Amendments

Codifies state funds management and monitoring standards and creates a Reserve Account to reimburse amounts owed to the Federal or State government after a school closes.

S.B. 142

Public Education Funding Amendments

Requires the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee to complete an evaluation of public education funding. Enacts a WPU add-on for students who are at risk of academic failure. Repeals the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program. H.B. 323

High Poverty Schools Teacher Bonus Program Amendments

Enables a salary bonus in the 20-21 school year based on the specified median growth percentile. Provides that a school that previously qualified as high poverty qualifies in SY20-21.

H.B. 421

Intensive Services Pilot Program

Creates the Intensive
Services Pilot Program to
provide funding to supplement the cost of educating a
student for whom the cost of
special education services
exceeds three times the
statewide average perpupil expenditures.

2021 BILLS PASSED

House Education Bills

HOUSE BILLS PASSED

<u>HB 2</u>	Public Education Budget Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Steve Eliason and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	Provides appropriations for the use and support of school districts, charter schools, and state education agencies; directs the State Board on how to execute certain funding programs; amends and enacts provisions related to certain appropriations for public education, including allowing the State Board to use data from FY (Fiscal Year) 2020 for certain funding formulas in certain circumstances, allowing the State Board to distribute funds to mitigate funding losses associated with the elimination of the Administrative Cost Program, requiring the State Board to allocate funds for English language learner software, and providing the State Charter School Board with increased budget autonomy.
USBE Action	Update of budgets and MSP legislative estimates; Update R277-926; Create new rule
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$27,047,300 ongoing and \$32,609,200 one-time
Effective Date	July 1, 2021
USBE Contact	Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov

HB 8	State Agency and Higher Education Compensation Appropriations
Sponsors	Rep. Jefferson Moss and Sen. Don Ipson
Bill Summary	Provides funding for a 3.0% labor market increase for state employees; provides funding for a 3.0% labor market increase for higher education employees; provides funding for step and lane increases for employees of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; provides funding for an average 4.3% increase in health insurance benefits rates for state and higher education employees; provides funding for retirement rate changes for certain state employees; provides funding for an up-to \$26 per pay period match for qualifying state employees enrolled in a defined contribution plan; and provides funding for other compensation adjustments as authorized.
USBE Action	Update budgets
LEA Action	None
Funding	\$1,284,100 ongoing and \$163,300 one-time
Effective Date	July 1, 2021
USBE Contact	Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov

<u>HB 18</u>	Driver Education Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Melissa Ballard and Sen. David Buxton
Bill Summary	Extends the term of a learner permit from one year to 18 months; changes identifying information required on a driver license to include "sex" instead of "gender"; prohibits rules requiring driver education observation hours; and replaces references to a "school district" with "local education agency" to

	ensure the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) receive funding and resources for driver education.
USBE Action	Update all rules and policy to reflect amendments to include USDB as a recipient
LEA Action	USDB awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Audra Urie, 801-538-7648, <u>audra.urie@schools.utah.gov</u>

<u>HB 38</u>	School Technology Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Travis Seegmiller and Sen. Todd Weiler
Bill Summary	Requires digital resources, provided by UETN to Utah's public schools, to block obscene or pornographic material.
USBE Action	None
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Todd Call, 801-538-7785, todd.call@schools.utah.gov

HB 42	Education Agency Report Process Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Susan Pulsipher and Sen. Derrin Owens
Bill Summary	Removes certain education reporting requirements and requires the State Board to establish a policy or procedures to evaluate the impact a report required in a proposed rule may have on reporting requirements for local education agencies.
USBE Action	Establish a policy or procedures to evaluate the impact of proposed reports on an LEA
LEA Action	None
Funding	(\$14,200) ongoing
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov

HB 43	Emergency Procurement Declaration Modifications
Sponsors	Rep. Candice Pierucci and Sen. Daniel McCay
Bill Summary	Modifies reporting requirements related to an emergency procurement; limits
	the term length of a contract entered for an emergency procurement to no more
	than 60 days.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Zac Christensen, 801-538-7538, zac.christensen@schools.utah.gov

HB 50	Government Insurance Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. James Dunnigan and Sen. Curtis Bramble
Bill Summary	Authorizes school districts, charter schools, the Utah Communications Authority, and the Utah State Fair Corporation to participate in any captive insurance company created by the risk manager.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	May reduce the premiums charged by the Division of Risk Management by \$500,000 ongoing starting in FY 2023
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Patrick Lee, 801-538-7667, patrick.lee@schools.utah.gov

HB 63	Impact Fees Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Candice Pierucci and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	Modifies provisions regarding the calculation of impact fees to include overhead costs.
USBE Action	None
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov

HB 81	Mental Health Days for Students
Sponsors	Rep. Mike Winder and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	Adds mental or behavioral health as a valid excuse for a school absence.
USBE Action	Update R277-607
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Naté Dearden, 801-538-7884, nate.dearden@schools.utah.gov

HB 93	Youth Suicide Prevention Programs Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Brian King and Sen. Curtis Bramble
Bill Summary	Amends provisions related to the purposes for youth suicide prevention programs and divides elements of the youth suicide prevention programs between elementary and secondary grades. Requires school districts and charter schools to ensure coordination between youth suicide prevention programs and certain other prevention programs and repeals a separate program to consolidate funding and effort into one comprehensive suicide prevention program.
USBE Action	Update R277-620
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$500,000 ongoing
Effective Date	May 5, 2021

HB 99	Public Employees Health Program Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Suzanne Harrison and Sen. Michael Kennedy
Bill Summary	Authorizes the Public Employees' Health Program to establish an out-of-state provider network through requests for proposal and authorizes the Public Employees' Health Program to partner with public entities in other states under certain circumstances.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Michelle Watts, 801-538-7560, <u>mwatts@utah.gov</u>

HB 116	Student Attendance Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Adam Robertson and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	Prohibits requiring documentation from a medical professional for an absence
	due to mental or physical illness.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Update attendance policies
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Kendra Muir, 801-538-7904, kendra.muir@schools.utah.gov

<u>HB 124</u>	Civics Education Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Dan Johnson and Sen. Chris Wilson
Bill Summary	Makes a technical change to the definition of basic civics test to reflect changes to the test form used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Robert Austin, 801-538-7575, robert.austin@schools.utah.gov

<u>HB 134</u>	Notice of Public Education Reporting Requirement
Sponsors	Rep. Susan Pulsipher and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	Requires the State Board to inform the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst when a bill impacts reporting requirements for local education agencies and provides that the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall disclose any impacts to the bill's sponsor and, upon request, to any other legislator.
USBE Action	Review and report when legislation impacts LEA reporting requirements
LEA Action	Awareness

Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Dale Frost, 801-538-7606, dale.frost@schools.utah.gov

<u>HB 181</u>	Personalized Competency-Based Learning
Sponsors	Rep. Dan Johnson and Sen. Chris Wilson
Bill Summary	Defines terms and replaces "competency-based education" with "personalized, competency-based learning"; renames the Competency-Based Education Grants Program to the Personalized Competency-Based Learning Grants Program; and renames the Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation from Competency-Based Education to Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation from Personalized, Competency-Based Learning.
USBE Action	Update R277-712, 720 and any other references to "competency-based education"
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Todd Call, 801-538-7785, todd.call@schools.utah.gov

HB 182	Educator Hearings Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Craig Hall and Sen. Evan Vickers
Bill Summary	Provides that a hearing regarding the dismissal of a school district employee is an informal adjudicative proceeding under the Administrative Procedures Act; provides that a final order or decree from a hearing regarding the dismissal of a school district employee may be appealed to the Utah Court of Appeals and clarifies that a review by the Court of Appeals is limited to the record of the school board and for the purpose of determining whether the school board exceeded the school board's discretion; and specifies that that the Court of Appeals has appellate jurisdiction over a school board or State Board hearing.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Ben Rasmussen, 801-538-7835, ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov

<u>HB 216</u>	Firearms Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Karianne Lisonbee and Sen. David Hinkins
Bill Summary	Clarifies the law regarding the ability of provisional permit holders to carry concealed weapons on certain school premises.
USBE Action	None
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Sergeant Jeremy Barnes, 801-503-5815, <u>jerbarnes@utah.gov</u>

HB 218	Reporting Requirement Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Brian King and Sen. Curtis Bramble
Bill Summary	Modifies the reporting requirement for the abuse and neglect of a child; provides certain exceptions to the reporting requirement for the abuse and neglect of a child; addresses civil and criminal liability for failure to notify the Division of Child and Family Services or the nearest police officer or law enforcement agency.
USBE Action	None
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Ben Rasmussen, 801-538-7835, ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov

HB 222	School Land Trust Program Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Jefferson Moss and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	Repeals a requirement for a principal to post certain information on the school's website regarding school community councils; amends the date by which a local education agency completes an annual report; removes the deadlines and changes the method by which an LEA reports certain expenditures; and amends a training requirement to clarify that the Utah State Board of Education is responsible for certain training related to the School Learning and Nurturing Development Trust Program.
USBE Action	Amend provisions related to reporting and the administration of the School Learning and Nurturing Development Trust Program
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Paula Plant, 801-538-7555, paula.plant@schools.utah.gov

HB 233	Education Immunization Modifications
Sponsors	Rep. Mark Strong and Sen. Michael Kennedy
Bill Summary	Prohibits higher education institutions and local education agencies that offer both remote and in-person learning from requiring a vaccine-exempt student to participate remotely rather than in-person.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Kendra Muir, 801-538-7904, kendra.muir@schools.utah.gov

HB 243	Privacy Protection Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Francis Gibson and Sen. Kirk Cullimore
Bill Summary	Creates a Personal Privacy Oversight Commission that will work with a newly created position of State Privacy Officer to develop guiding standards and

	best practices with respect to government privacy practices; develop educational and training materials; and review the privacy implications and civil liberties concerns of government privacy practices.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$40,900 one-time (FY 21) & \$230,700 ongoing to the State Auditor's Office & \$1,500 one-time & \$145,700 ongoing to Dept. of Administrative Services
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Whitney Phillips, 801-538-7523, whitney.phillips@schools.utah.gov

HB 279	Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth
Sponsors	Rep. Lowry Snow and Sen. Derrin Owens
Bill Summary	Directs the establishment of the Dixie State University Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth Program to provide certain higher education opportunities to students in certain custody.
USBE Action	None
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$300,000 ongoing to Dixie State University
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Nathan Auck, 801-538-7664, nathan.auck@schools.utah.gov

HB 285	Juvenile Recodification
Sponsors	Rep. Lowry Snow and Sen. Todd Weiler
Bill Summary	Reorganizes, renumbers, amends, repeals, and enacts statutes related to juveniles.
USBE Action	Update rules, policies, and documents with corresponding code changes
LEA Action	Update policies and documents with corresponding code changes
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	September 1, 2021
USBE Contact	Nic Shellabarger, 801-538-7506, <u>nicholas.shellabarger@schools.utah.gov</u>

HB 286	Juvenile Code Recodification Cross References
Sponsors	Rep. Lowry Snow and Sen. Todd Weiler
Bill Summary	Makes technical cross reference changes to provisions related to juveniles.
USBE Action	Update rules, policies, and documents with corresponding code changes
LEA Action	Update policies and documents with corresponding code changes
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	September 1, 2021
USBE Contact	Nic Shellabarger, 801-538-7506, nicholas.shellabarger@schools.utah.gov

HB 288	Education and Mental Health Coordinating Council
Sponsors	Rep. Val Peterson and Sen. Ann Millner

Bill Summary	Creates the Education and Mental Health Coordinating Council of which the state superintendent of public instruction is a member. Requires the council to make certain findings and recommendations regarding behavioral health support to youth and families within the state and requires certain regular reports to the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the Education Interim Committee, and the Health and Human Services Interim Committee.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Sydnee Dickson, 801-538-7511, sydnee.dickson@schools.utah.gov

HB 293	Open Meeting Minutes Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Mike Petersen and Sen. John Johnson
Bill Summary	Within three business days of the minutes being approved, requires a state body that is not a public body or a specified local public body to post to the state public notice website a copy of the approved minutes and any public materials distributed at the meeting; make the approved minutes and public materials available to the public at the public body's primary office; and if the public body provides online minutes, post approved minutes, and the public materials on the public body's website.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Ben Rasmussen, 801-538-7835, ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov

HB 294	Pandemic Emergency Powers Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Paul Ray and Sen. Derrin Owens
Bill Summary	Provides for the termination of emergency powers and public health orders related to COVID-19 upon reaching certain thresholds of positivity rates, case rates, intensive care facility capacities, and vaccine doses. Allows the statewide mask mandate for K-12 schools to remain in place until July 1, 2021. For more information, go here.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov

<u>HB 300</u>	Reporting Requirements for Local Education Agencies
Sponsors	Rep. Susan Pulsipher and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	Requires the State Board to work with local education agencies to develop a process to review reports required in statute and State Board rule and in

USBE Action Develop review process LEA Action Awareness and engagement in the review process Funding \$39,000 one-time Effective Date May 5, 2021 USBE Contact Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov		reviewing required reports, take into consideration several factors, including the time and cost to complete a required report, and whether the information, accountability, or transparency the required report provides could be obtained or achieved by other means. Permits the State Board to make recommendations to the Legislature for legislation.
Funding \$39,000 one-time Effective Date May 5, 2021	USBE Action	Develop review process
Effective Date May 5, 2021	LEA Action	Awareness and engagement in the review process
	Funding	\$39,000 one-time
USBE Contact Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov	Effective Date	May 5, 2021
	USBE Contact	Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov

HB 308	Covid-19 Vaccine Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Robert Spendlove and Sen. Daniel McCay
Bill Summary	Prohibits a governmental entity from requiring that an individual receive a vaccine for COVID-19.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Michelle Watts, 801-538-7560, mwatts@utah.gov

HB 323	High Poverty Schools Teacher Bonus Program Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Mike Winder and Sen. Kathleen Riebe
Bill Summary	Amends the eligibility requirements for teachers in high poverty schools to receive a salary bonus in the 2020-2021 school year; provides that a school that qualified as a high poverty school in the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 school year qualifies as a high poverty school for the 2020-2021 school year; and requires the State Board of Education to publish a list of high poverty schools.
USBE Action	Update R277-925
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Erica Horsley, 801-538-7741, <u>erica.horsley@schools.utah.gov</u>

HB 326	Performance Reporting and Efficiency Requirements
Sponsors	Rep. Melissa Ballard and Sen. Don Ipson
Bill Summary	For each funding item, the state agency, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, is required to develop performance measures to include in an appropriations act for each fiscal year and provide a report on any recommended changes to performance measures on or before October 1 annually.
USBE Action	Comply with the outlined performance measure reporting
LEA Action	None

Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Jill Curry, 801-538-7678, jill.curry@schools.utah.gov

HB 334	Special Needs Training for Law Enforcement Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Steve Eliason and Sen. Daniel Thatcher
Bill Summary	Requires that peace officers have training in intervention responses to autism spectrum disorder and other mental illnesses.
USBE Action	Update R277-912
LEA Action	None
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Sergeant Jeremy Barnes, 801-503-5815, <u>jerbarnes@utah.gov</u>

HB 345	School Resource Officers Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Sandra Hollins and Sen. Daniel Thatcher
Bill Summary	Amends provisions related to a training that statute requires the State Board of Education to prepare and make available, including broadening the intended audience and adding certain additional content.
USBE Action	Update content in required training
LEA Action	Awareness that the training now requires other personnel from the LEA to participate
Funding	\$20,000 one-time
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Sergeant Jeremy Barnes, 801-503-5815, <u>ierbarnes@utah.gov</u>

<u>HB 369</u>	School Bus Inspection Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Calvin Musselman and Sen. David Buxton
Bill Summary	Requires certain local education agency governing boards to establish a written policy that mandates that a school bus driver inspect the entire interior of a school bus at the end of every route and requires disciplinary action for failure to perform the inspection.
USBE Action	None. These inspections are already required by USBE rule and by federal transportation agencies
LEA Action	Establish a written policy
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Ron Litchfield, 801-538-7577, ron.litchfield@schools.utah.gov

HB 372	Start Smart Utah Breakfast Program Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Dan Johnson and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	Delays the dates by which certain public schools are required to serve breakfast to a student after the instructional day begins.

USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Kathleen Britton, 801-538-7755, kathleen.britton@schools.utah.gov

HB 378	Education Standards Review Committee Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Bradley Last and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	Requires the State Board to notify the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate before establishing a standards review committee; permits the chair of the State Board, instead of the speaker of the House of Representatives or the president of the Senate, to appoint certain members of a standards review committee if the speaker or the president does not make the appointments within a certain time frame.
USBE Action	Update Board policy
LEA Action	None
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Jennifer Throndsen, 801-538-7739, jennifer.throndsen@schools.utah.gov

HB 381	Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program
Sponsors	Rep. Jefferson Moss and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	Creates the Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program to provide scholarships to certain school employees; establishes eligibility criteria and allowed uses for the program; and requires the State Board to make rules and administer the program.
USBE Action	Implement the program including new rule
LEA Action	Participate in the program if interested
Funding	\$9,200,000 one-time
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Kim Herrera, 801-538-7647, kim.herrera@schools.utah.gov

HB 402	School Transportation Funding Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Dan Johnson and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	Requires the State Board to use fiscal year 2019 data for purposes of distributing fiscal year 2021 and 2022 state appropriations for student transportation and determining the percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch to determine whether a local education agency is eligible for the rural school transportation reimbursement.
USBE Action	Update funding distribution formula to use FY 2019 data
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Ron Litchfield, 801-538-7577, ron.litchfield@schools.utah.gov

HB 421	Intensive Services Pilot Program
Sponsors	Rep. Marsha Judkins and Sen. Jerry Stevenson
Bill Summary	Creates the Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program to provide funding to local education agencies to supplement the cost of educating a student with intensive special education needs.
USBE Action	Update grant formula
LEA Action	Apply for funds if desired
Funding	\$1,000,000 one-time
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Leah Voorhies, 801-538-7898, <u>leah.voorhies@schools.utah.gov</u>

HB 425	Education Monitoring and Funds Management Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Lowry Snow and Sen. Jerry Stevenson
Bill Summary	Creates the Charter School Closure Reserve Account to pay outstanding debts of a charter school upon closure in certain circumstances and requires the State Board of Education to use certain standards when monitoring a local education agency's use of state education funds.
USBE Action	Create new rule
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$1,000,000 one-time
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov

HB 426	Therapy Animals Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Marsha Judkins and Sen. Curtis Bramble
Bill Summary	Requires a local education agency to create a policy for the handling of a therapy animal if a school within the local education agency provides animal-assisted interventions through therapy animals.
USBE Action	None
LEA Action	Create a policy for the handling of therapy animals
Funding	\$O
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Holly Bell, 801-538-7828, holly.bell@schools.utah.gov

<u>HB 450</u>	Supplemental Educator Covid-19 Stipend Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Bradley Last and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	Reenacts the Supplemental Educator COVID-19 Stipend in S.B. 1, Public Education Base Budget Amendments; removes an exclusion for contracted employees of a local education agency whose contracts are funded using federal money from the Coronavirus Relief Fund described in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act; and ensures that teachers whom an LEA assigns to teach in an online setting or who work in an online-only district or charter school are eligible for the stipend.

USBE Action	Allocate funds to a qualifying education entity by March 30, 2021
LEA Action	Distribute the stipends and return any unexpended amounts by June 30, 2021
Funding	\$121,000,000 one-time appropriated for the stipends
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS PASSED

HCR 7	Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the Public Service of Representative Lawanna Lou Shurtliff
Sponsors	Rep. Carol Moss and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	Recognizes the public service of Representative LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov

HCR 8	Concurrent Resolution on Education
Sponsors	Rep. Karianne Lisonbee and Sen. John Johnson
Bill Summary	Reaffirms that the state is secondary to and supportive of the primary role of a parent in educating the parent's children and recognizes the importance of flexibility in education schedules and systems and commits to support options for parents and children.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov

HCR 15	Concurrent Resolution Emphasizing the Importance of Civics Education
Sponsors	Rep. Lowry Snow and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	Recognizes the critical role of an engaged and informed citizenry in a healthy democratic government and the importance of civics education in preparing students with the tools necessary for civic engagement.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov

HCR 22	Concurrent Resolution Celebrating the Contributions of Multilingual and Multicultural Families to Utah Schools
Sponsors	Rep. Dan Johnson and Sen. Daniel Thatcher
Bill Summary	This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes the contributions of multilingual and multicultural families to Utah's schools and recognizes the state's previous support for Utah's multilingual and multicultural families.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov

HJR 4	Joint Resolution Approving Acceptance of Federal Funds
Sponsors	Rep. Jefferson Moss and Sen. Don Ipson
Bill Summary	Approves acceptance by the state of Utah of all federal funds from Public Law 116-260, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	Enables the state to accept \$780,000,000 in federal funds
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov

<u>HR 5</u>	House Rules Resolution Standing Committee Modifications
Sponsors	Rep. Walt Brooks
Bill Summary	Repeals the House Retirement and Independent Entities Standing Committee.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	None
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov

2021 BILLS PASSED

Senate Education Bills

SENATE BILLS PASSED

<u>SB 1</u>	Public Education Base Budget Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Steve Eliason
Bill Summary	Provides appropriations for the use and support of school districts, charter schools, and state education agencies; sets the value of the weighted pupil unit (WPU) at \$3,809 for fiscal year 2022; adjusts the number of weighted pupil units to reflect anticipated student enrollment in fall 2021; creates the Enrollment Growth Contingency Program and the Supplemental Educator COVID-19 Stipend; provides appropriations for other purposes as described; and approves intent language.
USBE Action	Update of budgets and MSP legislative estimates
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$4,231,587,500 ongoing and \$42,199,500 one-time
Effective Date	Appropriations for the current fiscal year (FY21) take effect immediately Appropriations for the upcoming fiscal year (FY22) take effect on July 1, 2021
USBE Contact	Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov

<u>SB 3</u>	Appropriations Adjustments
Sponsors	Sen. Jerry Stevenson and Rep. Bradley Last
Bill Summary	Supplements or reduces appropriations otherwise provided for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.
USBE Action	Update of budgets and MSP legislative estimates
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	Supplements budgets for the Minimum School Program and the USBE office, initiative programs, State Charter School Board, and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Effective Date	Appropriations for the current fiscal year (FY21) take effect immediately Appropriations for the upcoming fiscal year (FY22) take effect on July 1, 2021
USBE Contact	Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov

<u>SB 8</u>	State Agency Fees and Internal Service Fund Rate Authorization and Appropriations
Sponsors	Sen. Don Ipson and Rep. Jefferson Moss
Bill Summary	Provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain state agencies and institutions of higher education; authorizes certain state agency fees; provides budget increases and decreases for other purposes as described.
USBE Action	Update budgets to reflect any rate or fee changes
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$5,084,800, including \$3,889,700 from the General/Education Funds
Effective Date	July 1, 2021
USBE Contact	Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov

<u>SB 15</u>	Workforce Solutions for Air Quality Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Daniel McCay and Rep. Mike Winder
Bill Summary	Requires DHRM to cooperate with state agencies to provide and measure teleworking options for state employees during bad air quality days and other certain days and provide an annual written report regarding teleworking by state employees. Requires the Governor's Office of Management and Budget to notify state agencies of mandatory action days for air quality and special circumstances days to encourage teleworking by eligible employees.
USBE Action	Cooperate with DHRM in identifying surge telework eligible positions and work to meet the target goal of 90% of eligible employees teleworking on mandatory action days and special circumstance days and update telework policy
LEA Action	None
Funding	\$49,000 one-time to DHRM
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Michelle Watts, 801-538-7560, <u>mwatts@utah.gov</u>

<u>SB 34</u>	Governmental Use of Facial Recognition Technology
Sponsors	Sen. Daniel Thatcher and Rep. Travis Seegmiller
Bill Summary	Places limitation on the circumstances under which government entities may use image databases for facial recognition comparisons; describes the process of, and requirements for, conducting a facial recognition comparison; addresses training of Department of Public Safety and government entity employees; provides a notice requirement for government entities that use facial recognition technology with respect to images taken by that government entity; and describes information that is required to be released, and information that is protected, in relation to a facial recognition comparison.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov

SB 55	Rural Online Initiative Sunset Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Derrin Owens and Rep. Carl Albrecht
Bill Summary	Modifies the rural online opportunities program administered by Utah State University and moves it out of pilot status. As part of the program, Utah State University provides training modules to adults and high school students and coordinates with rural high schools and postsecondary institutions.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021

SB 65	Community Reinvestment Agency Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Wayne Harper and Rep. Stephen Handy
Bill Summary	Provides an option for an agency and certain taxing entities to enter into an interlocal agreement for the purpose of dissolving the agency's project area and transferring project area incremental revenue. For an agency that chooses to enter into an interlocal agreement: authorizes the agency to levy a property tax on property within the agency's boundaries; prohibits the agency from extending the scope of certain project area plans or project area budgets; allows the agency to use property tax revenue for agency-wide project development; requires the agency to adopt an implementation plan to guide agency-wide project development; prohibits the agency from creating a new community reinvestment project area unless the purpose is for a cooperative development project or an economic development project; describes the method by which an agency's certified tax rate is calculated; prohibits the agency from using eminent domain for agency-wide project development; and describes how the agency accounts for property tax revenue.
USBE Action	None
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	May result in reduced tax revenue for local governments
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov

SB 72	Open and Public Meetings Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Bill Summary	Prohibits a vote in a closed meeting, except to end the closed portion of the meeting and provides that a motion to end the closed portion of a meeting may be approved by a majority vote.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Ben Rasmussen, 801-538-7835, ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov

SB 92	Elections Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Wayne Harper and Rep. Norman Thurston
Bill Summary	Addresses the level of detail required for reports of contributions and expenditures; provides that a regulated officeholder is not required to file a conflict-of-interest disclosure at the time of filing for reelection to office if the regulated officeholder already filed a disclosure earlier the same year and indicates that the disclosure is accurate and up to date. Amends provisions relating to permissible uses of campaign funds; amends contribution reporting requirements for certain reporting entities; amends provisions relating to an anonymous campaign donation; and amends the definition of an expenditure under the Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act.

USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Jeffrey Van Hulten, 801-538-7521, jeffrey.vanhulten@schools.utah.gov

<u>SB 107</u>	In-person Instruction Prioritization
Sponsors	Sen. Todd Weiler and Rep. Paul Ray
Bill Summary	Requires the Department of Health to provide support to a local education agency that initiates widespread COVID-19 testing for a school (test to stay program); requires that guidance that the Department of Health provides to LEAs related to test to stay programs complies with certain statutory provisions; establishes the case threshold in a school above which the LEA initiates a "test to stay program" for the school; and enacts provisions related to a "test to stay program", including provisions related to parental consent for COVID-19 testing for the parent's student. Requires an LEA to ensure that certain schools within the LEA continue to provide in-person instruction.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Beginning on March 22, 2021, ensure that a school offers in-person instruction (at least four days per week) and requires a school that reaches the case threshold to initiate a test to stay program and provide a remote learning option for students who do not wish to attend in person
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Sarah Young, 801-538-7528, sarah.young@schools.utah.gov

SB 125	Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. David Buxton and Rep. Timothy Hawkes
Bill Summary	Modifies provisions relating to the convening of an electronic meeting; requires a public body convening an electronic meeting to provide facilities at an anchor location for the public to attend the meeting; and makes exceptions to the requirement to provide facilities at an anchor location.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Ben Rasmussen, 801-538-7835, ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov

<u>SB 136</u>	Higher Education Scholarships Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Derrin Owens and Rep. Lowry Snow
Bill Summary	Forecloses new applications for a New Century scholarship after the current academic year; expands the eligibility and extends the availability of technical education scholarships; and replaces the Regents' Scholarship Program with the Opportunity Scholarship Program for degree-granting institutions and amends related provisions.

USBE Action	None
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Nathan Auck, 801-538-7664, nathan.auck@schools.utah.gov

<u>SB 141</u>	Task Force on Food Security
Sponsors	Sen. Luz Escamilla and Rep. Melissa Ballard
Bill Summary	Creates the Task Force on Food Security to develop a plan for establishing food security in the state; establishes membership (which includes the chair of the State Board of Education or the chair's designee), quorum, meeting, and reporting requirements for the task force; and schedules the repeal of the task force.
USBE Action	Task force participation
LEA Action	None
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Kathleen Britton, 801-538-7755, kathleen.britton@schools.utah.gov

SB 142	Public Education Funding Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Bradley Last
Bill Summary	Requires the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee to complete an evaluation of public education funding; make recommendations for future legislation; and report to the Executive Appropriations Committee. Amends dates regarding certain reviews or evaluations required of the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee; enacts a weighted pupil unit add-on for students who are at risk using weighting based on students who receive free or reduced price lunch; and students who are English language learners; requires the Utah State Board of Education to monitor learning outcomes related to the WPU add-on; establishes certain repeal dates, including for the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program while reenacting the portion related to the gang prevention and intervention program. Provisions in the bill require local education agencies are held harmless to their FY 2021 distributions through the new program.
USBE Action	Update budgets and monitor the learning outcomes resulting from the LEA's use of these funds and update R277-708 and 436
LEA Action	Use this funding to improve the academic achievement for students who are atrisk and annually report to the State Board on the use of these funds through the annual financial reporting process and outcome data or intervention effectiveness related to the use of these funds
Funding	\$900,000 ongoing and \$2,600,000 one-time
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Patrick Lee, 801-538-7667, patrick.lee@schools.utah.gov

SB 145 Military Family Education Amendments

Sponsors	Sen. Ann Millner and Rep. Val Peterson
Bill Summary	Requires a local education agency to permit a student who is the child of a member of uniformed services who is relocating to the state or out of the state to: before the student resides in the state, enroll in a public school within the LEA at the same time and in the same manner as individuals residing in the state and remain enrolled after the student's parent relocates out of the state.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Ben Rasmussen, 801-538-7835, ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov

SB 148	Public Education Modifications
Sponsors	Sen. Keith Grover and Rep. Adam Robertson
Bill Summary	Requires a local education agency to provide parents with access to curriculum that the local education agency uses; and for each grading period, provide a student a grade or performance report for each course in which the student is enrolled that reflects the student's work including the student's progress based on mastery, during the grading period. Requires a local education agency to provide a student enrolled in an online course and the student's parent with access to certain information. Repeals requirements related to the State Charter School Board reviewing the application for a charter school seeking authorization from an institution of higher education board of trustees.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Provide parents access to the identified curriculum and provide the required information to a student enrolled in an online course and the student's parent
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Todd Call, 801-538-7785, todd.call@schools.utah.gov

<u>SB 154</u>	Teacher Salary Supplement Program Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Scott Sandall and Rep. Dan Johnson
Bill Summary	Enables a teacher with a professional deaf education license issued by the State Board of Education to be eligible for the Teacher Salary Supplement Program.
USBE Action	Amend R277-318
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$37,500 ongoing
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Erica Horsley, 801-538-7741, erica.horsley@schools.utah.gov

<u>SB 160</u>	State Audit Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. David Buxton and Rep. James Dunnigan

Bill Summary	Authorizes the legislative auditor general to perform appropriation audits of executive branch entities and local education agencies and clarifies requirements for audit content and procedures.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Debbie Davis, 801-538-7639, debbie.davis@schools.utah.gov

<u>SB 178</u>	Education Deadline and Fiscal Flexibility
Sponsors	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Jefferson Moss
Bill Summary	Delays the date after which the State Board of Education may enter into an agreement with additional scholarship granting organizations; allows a local education agency to transfer a portion of state restricted funds in the LEA's general fund to be used without the state restrictions under certain conditions; extends certain expenditure deadlines by one fiscal year; and delays by one year a requirement that a student fee be equal to or less than the cost to the LEA of providing an activity, course, or program.
USBE Action	Track and report LEA expenditure flexibility
LEA Action	May use up to 35% of the identified state restricted funding flexibly to respond to needs resulting from COVID-19
Funding	\$6,300 one-time
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Patrick Lee, 801-538-7667, patrick.lee@schools.utah.gov

SB 184	School Assessment and Accountability Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Kathleen Riebe and Rep. Lowry Snow
Bill Summary	Provides that, for the 2020-2021 school year, the State Board of Education is not required to: identify schools not achieving state established acceptable levels of student performance for the 2020-2021 school year; assign to each school an overall rating using an A through F letter grading scale; publish a report card for each school on the State Board's website; or determine school performance success and student academic achievement under the Teacher and Student Success Program. For the 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 school years, makes changes to the permitted uses for school turnaround funds appropriated in prior years. Removes the exception for assigning an overall rating to a school when the State Board establishes a new baseline to determine student growth due to a transition to a new assessment.
USBE Action	Administer the school improvement pilot program and analyze its effectiveness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$280,000 one-time in each FY 2021, FY 2022, and FY 2023 and \$1,000,000 one-time in FY 2022 all from School Turnaround nonlapsing balances
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Darin Nielsen, 801-538-7760, darin.nielsen@schools.utah.gov

SB 186	Anti-boycott Israel Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Jerry Stevenson and Rep. Francis Gibson
Bill Summary	Prohibits a government entity from contracting with a company that boycotts the State of Israel.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Zac Christensen, 801-538-7538, zac.christensen@schools.utah.gov

SB 187	Local Education Agency Policies Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Ronald Winterton and Rep. Norman Thurston
Bill Summary	Requires the governor, the chief executive of a municipality or county, the Department of Health, or a local health department to notify a local education agency or a private school that is directly affected by a public health order of the date and time of a meeting to discuss the public health order before issuing the order; at the meeting, discuss certain issues with the affected LEA or private school representatives in attendance; and notify an affected LEA or private school at least 10 calendar days before a public health order expires if the authority intends to extend the public health order. Provides that a public health order that directly affects an LEA is unenforceable unless the issuing authority complies with the meeting requirements before issuing the order and enforceable if the authority does not comply with the requirements in the case of an imminent threat. VETOED BY GOVERNOR
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Sydnee Dickson, 801-538-7511, sydnee.dickson@schools.utah.gov

<u>SB 189</u>	Tobacco Retailer Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Evan Vickers and Rep. Paul Ray
Bill Summary	Amends provisions relating to a retail tobacco specialty business that is within a certain distance from a school; modifies the requirements for a tobacco retail permit; clarifies provisions relating to who may be in a retail tobacco specialty business; and modifies penalties for selling a tobacco product, electronic cigarette product, or a nicotine product to an individual who is younger than 21 years old.
USBE Action	None
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Clarissa Stebbing, 801-538-7821, clarissa.stebbing@schools.utah.gov

SB 201	Public Notice Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Karen Mayne and Rep. Joel Ferry
Bill Summary	Eliminates some requirements to publish certain notices in a newspaper and on a specified legal notice website; requires certain notices to be posted on the Utah Public Notice Website; and requires the Division of Archives and Records Services to allow newspapers to request and automatically receive a feed of postings to the Utah Public Notice Website.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Zac Christensen, 801-538-7538, zac.christensen@schools.utah.gov

SB 211	Child Care Background Check Modifications		
Sponsors	Sen. Jacob Anderegg and Rep. Craig Hall		
Bill Summary	Authorizes the Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Division to share criminal history information between specific state entities for the purpose of qualifying an individual to work or volunteer in a position that is responsible for the care, custody, or control of children, with certain preconditions.		
USBE Action	Awareness		
LEA Action	None		
Funding	\$0		
Effective Date	May 5, 2021		
USBE Contact	Malia Hite, 801-538-7740, malia.hite@schools.utah.gov		

SB 214	Official Language Amendments		
Sponsors	Sen. Kirk Cullimore and Rep. Mike Schultz		
Bill Summary	Removes the provision that English is the sole language for the government in the state of Utah; removes the provision requiring all official government documents, transactions, proceedings, meetings, or publications to be in English; removes provisions relating to the return of state funds appropriated or designated for the printing or translation of materials or the provision of services or information in a language other than English.		
USBE Action	Awareness		
LEA Action	Awareness		
Funding	\$0		
Effective Date	May 5, 2021		
USBE Contact	Casey Dupart, 801-538-7539, casey.dupart@schools.utah.gov		

SB 219	Truancy Enforcement Moratorium		
Sponsors	Sen. Daniel McCay and Rep. Candice Pierucci		
Bill Summary	Decriminalizes certain truancy violations until 2022; prohibits the issuance and enforcement of notices of compulsory education violation and notices of truancy		

	during the moratorium; suspends certain reporting requirements during the moratorium; clarifies the application of certain exemptions.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Suspend issuing and enforcing notices of compulsory education or truancy until June 1, 2022
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Cuong Nguyen, 801-538-7790, cuong.nguyen@schools.utah.gov

SB 226	Online Education Program Revisions	
Sponsors	Sen. John Johnson and Rep. Ryan Wilcox	
Bill Summary	Allows a certified online course provider that the State Board of Education approves to offer courses directly through the Statewide Online Education Program; establishes the requirements for the State Board to approve certified online course providers; authorizes the State Board to make rules related to approving certified online course providers; and authorizes the State Board to set fees to cover the costs of regulating certified online course providers.	
USBE Action	Amend R277-726 to include certified online course providers including the establishment of a fee and administer the approval and monitoring of providers	
LEA Action	Awareness	
Funding	\$0	
Effective Date	May 5, 2021	
USBE Contact	Cory Kanth, 801-538-7660, cory.kanth@schools.utah.gov	

SB 234	Statewide Online Education Program Amendments		
Sponsors	Sen. Kirk Cullimore and Rep. Kera Birkeland		
Bill Summary	Makes amendments including amendments to the purpose of the Statewide Online Education Program to allow an online course provider through the Statewide Online Education Program to offer middle school credit. Established limit on the number of middle school course credits a private school student me enroll in each year through the Statewide Online Education Program; establishes the dates on which eligible students may enroll in an online course for middle school credit and provides for the State Board to prioritize enrollment for certain students if legislative appropriations are insufficient.		
USBE Action	Amend R277-726		
LEA Action	Awareness		
Funding	\$1,767,000 ongoing and \$50,000 one-time		
Effective Date	May 5, 2021		
USBE Contact	Cory Kanth, 801-538-7660, cory.kanth@schools.utah.gov		

SENATE RESOLUTIONS PASSED

SCR 1	Concurrent Resolution on Holocaust Education
Sponsors	Sen. Evan Vickers and Rep. Doug Owens

Bill Summary	Highlights the importance of Holocaust and genocide education and encourages the State Board of Education and local education agencies to emphasize the importance of this course of study.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 5, 2021
USBE Contact	Robert Austin, 801-538-7575, robert.austin@schools.utah.gov

SJR 2	Retirement and Independent Entities Committee Amendments		
Sponsors	Sen. Wayne Harper and Rep. Craig Hall		
Bill Summary	Removes references to the Retirement and Independent Entities Joint Appropriations Subcommittee, having the effect of repealing the subcommittee.		
USBE Action	Awareness		
LEA Action	None		
Funding	\$0		
Effective Date	May 5, 2021		
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<u>SR 2</u>	Senate Rules Resolution - Standing Committee Modifications		
Sponsors	Sen. Wayne Harper		
Bill Summary	Repeals the Senate Retirement and Independent Entities Standing Committee.		
USBE Action	Awareness		
LEA Action	None		
Funding	\$0		
Effective Date	May 5, 2021		
USBE Contact	Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550, angie.stallings@schools.utah.gov		

2021 BILLS NOT PASSED

Bills which did not Pass

HOUSE BILLS NOT PASSED

Bill	Title	Representative
<u>HB 13</u>	School and Child Care Center Water Testing Requirements	Rep. Stephen Handy
<u>HB 31</u>	Unaccompanied Minors in Autonomous Vehicles	Rep. Karen Kwan
HB 61	Concealed Carry Exemption During State of Emergency	Rep. Cory Maloy
<u>HB 76</u>	Firearm Preemption Amendments	Rep. Cory Maloy
<u>HB 89</u>	Hydrogen Tax Credit Amendments	Rep. Douglas Sagers
<u>HB 97</u>	Property Tax Penalties Amendments	Rep. Matthew Gwynn
HB 105	Students with Disabilities Amendments	Rep. Marsha Judkins
HB 106	Adoption Tax Credit	Rep. Rex Shipp
<u>HB 117</u>	Vaccine Reporting Requirements	Rep. Raymond Ward
HB 125	Intergenerational Poverty Solution	Rep. Norman Thurston
HB 127	Ranked-choice Voting Amendments	Rep. Mike Winder
HB 132	Sanitation Amendments	Rep. Melissa Ballard

<u>HB 161</u>	Military Retirement Tax Amendments	Rep. Candice Pierucci
<u>HB 177</u>	Health Education Amendments	Rep. Carol Moss
HB 229	Internal Investigation Amendments	Rep. Craig Hall
<u>HB 258</u>	Firearm Safety in Schools	Rep. Rex Shipp
<u>HB 274</u>	Government Records Transparency Act Amendments	Rep. Travis Seegmiller
<u>HB 280</u>	State Employment Amendments	Rep. Kay Christofferson
<u>HB 284</u>	Minimum Wage Amendments	Rep. Clare Collard
<u>HB 299</u>	Mental Health Wellbeing in Schools Pilot Program	Rep. Christine Watkins
HB 302	Preserving Sports for Female Students	Rep. Kera Birkeland
HB 304	Digital Opportunity Access Amendments	Rep. Jennifer Dailey- Provost
<u>HB 309</u>	Intergenerational Poverty Work and Self- sufficiency Tax Credit	Rep. Robert Spendlove
<u>HB 310</u>	Campaign Finance Modifications	Rep. Suzanne Harrison
<u>HB 320</u>	Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Amendments	Rep. Douglas Sagers
<u>HB 330</u>	Restorative Justice Definition	Rep. Andrew Stoddard

<u>HB 331</u>	Income Tax Reductions	Rep. Travis Seegmiller
<u>HB 338</u>	School District Voter Eligibility Amendments	Rep. Joel Briscoe
<u>HB 340</u>	Mathematics and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program	Rep. Steve Eliason
<u>HB 343</u>	School Emergency Drills Amendments	Rep. Carol Moss
HB 349	English as a Second Language Amendments	Rep. Val Peterson
HB 351	Parental Leave Amendments	Rep. Clare Collard
HB 361	Minimum Wage Modifications	Rep. Ashlee Matthews
<u>HB 382</u>	Online Course Access Amendments	Rep. Kera Birkeland
HB 385	Antidiscrimination Act Amendments	Rep. Mike Petersen
HB 387	Clean Air for Schools Pilot Program	Rep. Doug Owens
HB 392	Safety Inspection Amendments	Rep. Elizabeth Weight
HB 393	Low Performing Schools Amendments	Rep. Bradley Last
HB 395	Charter School Finance Amendments	Rep. Steve Waldrip
HB 408	School and Institutional Trust Amendments	Rep. Bradley Last

<u>HB 411</u>	Restriction on Governmental Sharing of Information on Individuals	Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
<u>HB 417</u>	Charter School Authorization Amendments	Rep. Adam Robertson
HB 422	Political Subdivision Civil Liability Amendments	Rep. Brady Brammer
<u>HB 428</u>	Public Education Governance and Appeals	Rep. Steve Waldrip
<u>HB 430</u>	Student Safety Education for Parents Amendments	Rep. Steve Eliason
<u>HB 437</u>	Official State Language Repeal	Rep. Karen Kwan
<u>HB 443</u>	Financial Disclosures Amendments	Rep. Jeffrey Stenquist
HCR 3	Concurrent Resolution Regarding Native American Mascots and Equality in Public Schools	Rep. Elizabeth Weight
HCR 4	Concurrent Resolution Condemning the Treatment of the Uighur Ethnic Community by the Chinese Government	Rep. Brady Brammer
HJR 8	Joint Resolution to Protect Utah's Institutions of Higher Education from Chinese Communist Party Influence	Rep. Candice Pierucci

SENATE BILLS NOT PASSED

Bill	Title	Representative
<u>SB 23</u>	Emergency Task Force	Sen. Daniel Thatcher
<u>SB 44</u>	Payment in Lieu of Taxes Funds for Counties	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
<u>SB 52</u>	Property Tax Deferral Modifications	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
<u>SB 67</u>	Workplace Violence Protective Orders	Sen. Todd Weiler
<u>SB 80</u>	Utah Antidiscrimination Act Amendments	Sen. Derek Kitchen
<u>SB 91</u>	School Accountability Amendments	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
<u>SB 100</u>	Taxpayer Tax Credit Modifications	Sen. Wayne Harper
<u>SB 118</u>	State School Board Candidate Amendments	Sen. Kathleen Riebe
<u>SB 131</u>	Public Education Buildings Standards and Process	Sen. Wayne Harper
<u>SB 158</u>	Children's Health Coverage Amendments	Sen. Luz Escamilla
<u>SB 162</u>	Education Expenses Tax Credit During Public Health Emergency	Sen. Wayne Harper
<u>SB 175</u>	Special Education Least Restrictive Requirement Amendments	Sen. Jacob Anderegg

<u>SB 183</u>	Raffle Amendments	Sen. Daniel McCay
<u>SB 206</u>	Tax Rate Amendments	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
<u>SB 208</u>	Employee Medical Protection Act	Sen. Michael Kennedy
<u>SB 210</u>	Paid Leave Modifications	Sen. Todd Weiler
<u>SB 223</u>	Utah Protection of Public Employees Act Amendments	Sen. Todd Weiler
<u>SB 229</u>	Healthy Lifestyles Amendments	Sen. Kathleen Riebe
<u>SB 232</u>	Statewide Credentials and Certification Amendments	Sen. Derrin Owens
<u>SB 239</u>	Small Business Job Creation Tax Credit Act	Sen. Curtis Bramble
SB 242	Alternative Education Tax Credit Amendments	Sen. John Johnson

THANK YOU!

Though COVID-19 has changed each of our lives in one way or another, it has also given us the opportunity to reflect, innovate, and adapt in ways that we likely would have deemed improbable just one general session ago. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize the teamwork that went into this year's session.

Our outstanding education partners and stakeholders work tirelessly and advocate unwaveringly for the education community at large. We are thankful for the opportunity to work side by side with all of our partners throughout the session to ensure the legislation passed meets the needs of our students, teachers, and school leaders. We know that the more closely we work together, the stronger our partnerships on behalf of public education will be for years to come.

Additionally, we would like to express our appreciation for our dedicated legislators and legislative staff. We are grateful for the team effort our legislators and their staff undertook in crafting new and better ways for education to be provided to each child in a meaningful and impactful way. The joint effort that our elected officials continuously put forward in engaging all education stakeholders is a primary reason our policies moving forward continue to be strengthened and successful.

Finally, it takes many moving parts to effectively follow, manage, and participate in a legislative session. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the superb leadership of the Utah State Board of Education and the support of USBE staff. The Board continues to lead by seeking safe school environments, more options surrounding learning models, effective personalized education, and the systems to support effective, high-quality educators. Concurrently, USBE staff continue to exceed expectations set in years past. Their support of the Board's vision and mission, alongside the countless hours spent on behalf of the education community is astounding. Together, the Board and staff work to ensure that every bill and budgetary request is carefully considered and vetted thoroughly by all appropriate parties.

The amount of collaboration and coordination that goes into a legislative session during a typical year is immense, let alone a session that ties in a global pandemic. Thank you again to everyone who contributed and assisted in making this a successful session. We truly look forward to our continued efforts to improve educational opportunities and policies, creating an equitable experience for all students and educators statewide.

Sincerely, The USBE Superintendency Utah State Board of Eudcation