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Salt Lake City, UT 84114  
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Dr. Sydnee Dickson  
State Board of Education  
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Dear Superintendent Dickson,

Academy for Math, Engineering, and Science (AMES) presented a waiver recommendation request to the State Charter School Board on February 8, 2024. Currently, the LEA is exempted from the requirements of R277-700, specifically that students may waive the fine arts and PE requirements in R277-700-6 for substitution of credits with CTE/STEM or Early College courses. AMES is an Early College High School with the goal of preparing a diverse student body for success in College and Post-Secondary Education. To achieve this goal, AMES requires 27.5 credits for graduation which includes an additional 1.0 credit above the state requirement for both Math (4.0 credits) and Science (4.0 credits). AMES also requires additional credit above the state requirements for Social Studies and Computer Studies with a 2-year Foreign Language requirement. These additional credit requirements are met through University of Utah concurrent enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP), and Cottonwood High School options. AMES also provides CTE options in Robotics, Computer programming, and Engineering. Due to the school's high academic performance and excellent standing with its authorizer, we are proud to fully recommend the Utah State Board of Education grant this continued waiver request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Bryan Bowles".

Dr. W. Bryan Bowles  
Board Chair  
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