

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-490, Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning Program (Amendment)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approves R277-490, Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning Program, Draft 5, on second and final reading.

Background:

R277-490 is being amended due to the passage of [HB 1](#) from the 2024 Legislative Session. The new language requires USBE to establish a uniform BTS grant amount. The draft changes establish the grant amount based on elementary school teacher average costs statewide or prior year certified BTS salaries.

Two options of R277-490 have been prepared to support the conversation. The drafts are identical with the exception of the language on lines 137-140 in Drafts 1 and 2. Draft 1 (Option 1) distributes the uniform amount per BTS Arts educator regardless whether the uniform amount would provide more funds to the LEA or consortium than the cost of the arts educator's salary and benefits. Draft 2 (Option 2) distributes the lesser of the uniform amount or the actual salary plus benefits for the applicable arts educator. Option 2 will allow remaining funds to be distributed to add additional arts educators in schools.

In both drafts, if the actual cost of an arts educator's salary plus benefits exceeds the uniform amount, the LEA will pay the difference with local funds.

Drafts 3 and 4 were uploaded after the backup deadline to include language based on the requirement in 2024 HB 1 that the "uniform amount" not include funding an educator receives under the Educator Salary Adjustment described in Section 53F-2-405. The updated drafts also include language clarifying what excess funds may be used for if there is program funding available after staff distribute the uniform amount to participating LEAs. Draft 3 is the updated version of Option 1. Draft 4 is the updated version of Option 2.

Staff will present R277-490, Drafts 3 and 4, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#); [53F-2-506](#)

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Attachments:

1. R277-490 - Draft 5 - April 2024 Committee
2. R277-490 - Draft 4 - April 2024 Committee
3. R277-490 - Draft 3 - April 2024 Committee
4. R277-490 - Draft 2 - April 2024 Committee Final with hyperlinks
5. R277-490 - Draft 1 - April 2024 Committee Final with hyperlinks
6. BTS Uniform Modeling 10 FTE vs no growth 4.4.24
7. R277- 490- Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form