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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Joel Coleman
Interim Chief Executive Officer

DATE: September 5, 2014

ACTION: Legislative Priorities

Background:

The Utah State Board of Education has the responsibility to prepare legislative priorities for the annual consideration of the Governor and the Utah Legislature. A preliminary set of priorities for the 2015 Legislative session should be completed by the end of the September Board meeting.

Key Points:

The Board will continue the discussion of potential legislative priorities.

Anticipated Action:

The State Board of Education will discuss potential legislative priorities and consider appropriate action.

Contact: Joel Coleman, Interim Superintendent, 801-538-7510

Utah State Board of Education Legislative Priorities
Approved August 8, 2014

1. Full funding of Growth
2. Technology initiative
3. Increase in value of WPU
4. Professional development determined by LEAs
5. Professional development for math
6. Early reading initiative
7. Graduation initiative
8. Freezing the basic rate
9. Funding needed if ESEA waiver is not in place
10. Board attorney

Additional item not prioritized:

- Restoration of additional associate superintendent and clerical staff - \$320,000

State Board of Education
Possible Funding Priorities/Bills 2015 Legislative Session
July 2014

	Activity/Initiative	2015-16 (FY 16)	Brief Summary	Bills
Legislative Expectation	Full Funding of Actual Growth		Funding of growth within the Minimum School Program (?)	
	Increase in Value of WPU			
Ongoing				
Board voted priorities for this year's budget/might need to be in next year's				
	Board Attorney	\$150,000	Includes salary, benefits, equipment, materials and licenses	
	Associate Superintendent	\$320,000	Restoration of an additional Associate Superintendent and clerical help (this includes staff costs , benefits, equipment and materials)	
	Technical writer for the Internal Audit function	\$100,000	Includes salary, benefits and approximately \$5,000 for equipment and materials.	
	Additional funding for the new Superintendent salary	?		
	Compensation	?	Compensation increases for USOE staff for recruitment and retention purposes	
Board voted priorities in June				
	1 to 1 Device Initiative	\$50,000,000	Provide grants to districts and charters for devices, infrastructure, and technical support to fully implement technology-based learning	
	Middle and High School Math Initiative 90% Proficiency 8 th grade	\$5,000,000	Comprehensive Professional Learning Initiative for 6 th , 7 th , and 8 th grade math teachers – 5 days - digitally delivered materials	
	Early Reading Initiatives – 90% 3 rd grade reading proficiency	\$20,000,000	– Improve K-3 reading proficiency - Expand early intervention programs – targeted extended day – targeted voluntary pre-school	
	Graduation Initiative 90% Graduation Rate	\$25,000,000	\$5,000,000 reduce student to counselor ratio \$3,000,000 student advocates \$17,000,000 computer science in Middle Schools	
	Targeted Professional Learning	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000 - grants to districts and charters for targeted professional learning	
	USOR Task Force	?	The Board approved as a legislative priority creation of a task force to study the governance of the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation	
	Statutory Mandates Study	?	The Board approved as a legislative priority the study of statutory mandates with requirements for the State Board of Education	
USOE Additional Requests				
	Charters	\$2,300,000	Charter School Start-up grant funds: \$2.3M (this is double the amount of money currently allocated, including the \$2.1M directly to schools + \$200K for the mentoring program).	
	Teaching & Learning	\$1,000,000	Revise Independent Alignment Bill, funding for linking digital materials	
	CMAC	\$11,000,000	\$1,000,000 Bullying Prevention \$10,000,000 MESA Restoration	
	USOE IT, data staffing/program needs	\$2,100,000	Assure confidentiality of student and teacher data – meet increased audit and performance measures accountability – Restore staff reductions – new fiscal management program	
	Title III	25,000,000	\$15,000,000 State Dedicated Fund for ELL 10,000,000 Quality Pre-School for ELL	
	School Climate and Student Support	\$300,000	USOE Student Services – Suicide Prevention –	

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	CTE		\$3,000,000 - Restore CTE Set A Side funding for software/equipment needs	
	High Cost Special Education Students	\$1,500,000	Assure adequate funding for the high-cost special education funding pool	
One-Time \$50 to 150 million				
	School Improvement Initiative	\$10,000,000	Grants to schools based on school improvement plans designed to increase school grade	
	Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts	\$5,000,000	Expand BTSA Program to additional schools	
	Teacher Supplies	\$5,000,000	Continue to reimburse individual teachers for out-of-pocket funded classroom supplies	
	TOTAL REQUEST			