

School LAND Trust Program

Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Committee Report

October 2024

Return on Investment

Board of Education Review

School LAND Trust Program - First 8 Programs Reviewed

- Resources
- Strategies of Implementation
- Fiscal Administration and Personnel
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Short term outcomes
- Performance measures that align with board priorities

Policy Questions for Board Consideration

The Board could consider the many requirements of councils, made up of volunteers, and consider removing any that may not be necessary or directing local Boards to determine the best method to meet the need for their communities.

Trust Lands Advisory Committee

- Review Code and Rule
- 2026 Legislative Session - 'Clean Up Bill'

The School Children's Trust is seeking funding for an office specialist to support the team. As school populations have increased, especially the increasing number of charter schools, more time is spent on administrative tasks reducing the ability to focus on training and compliance, as identified in code.

2025 Legislative Session Bill

Charter business administrators approve plans instead of authorizers
\$44 million grant - 10 new schools over 5 years
Positive Behaviors Plan, child nutrition, school safety plan

*An ongoing effort to create a school level ‘**common needs assessment**’ would benefit councils who are charged with identifying the ‘greatest academic need of students’ and with limited time and expertise of volunteer councils, a needs assessment with back-up data would support councils in making better decisions.*

In Process - LEA Assessment Comes First

Trust Lands Advisory Committee

- Members attending TLA Land Tours
 - Beaver Area - 1 member
 - St. George - 3 members + SCT Team
- Four year terms - Alternating every two years
 - Half are up for appointment/re-appointment in March
 - Notification > Application > Appointment by Board
 - Advisory to the USBE Board
 - Councils - District or Charter Schools
 - Program
 - Trust System

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