



UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

David L. Crandall, Chair David L. Thomas, Vice Chair

Dixie L. Allen
Kim R. Burningham
Keith M. Buswell
Leslie B. Castle
Barbara W. Corry

Dan Griffiths
Heather Groom
Michael G. Jensen
Jennifer A. Johnson

Jefferson Moss
C. Mark Openshaw
Debra G. Roberts
Terry Warner

Joel Coleman, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Joel Coleman
Interim Chief Executive Officer

DATE: October 10, 2014

ACTION: Accountability Update and Direction

Background: At its September 2014 meeting, the Board approved the SAGE proficiency level cut scores and discussed their impact on School Grading calculations and timeline. State statute requires that school grades be reported to the public by December 15. Due to the impact of the new SAGE proficiency levels on school grades, a motion was passed for Board Leadership, Interim Superintendent Joel Coleman and Associate Superintendent Judy Park take to Executive Appropriations three options for calculation school grades: 1) Calculate school grades the same as last year, recognizing that every school in the state will probably be a D or F; 2) adjust the calculation allowing some schools to grade higher; or 3) do not calculate school grades this year, which would put a hold on schools grades, recognizing that current statute does not allow for this. The motion included a request that the Governor's Report Card be released as soon as possible.

Key Points: Board Leadership, Interim Superintendent Joel Coleman and Associate Superintendent Judy Park met with Senate leadership regarding school grading and the Governor's Report Card. The outcome of that meeting, as well as any other accountability updates will be presented in Board meeting.

Anticipated Action: USOE staff will provide updates, additional information, and answer questions from Board Members. It is proposed that the Board take action to give USOE staff direction as to proceeding with school grading this year.

Contact: Judy Park, 801-538-7550
Jo Ellen Shaeffer, 801-538-7811