

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: Draft Legislative Funding Requests for the 2026 General Session

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

The Board may offer feedback on the initial legislative funding proposals, with the intention to refine them and present the revised versions at the September 2026 Board meeting.

Purpose of Memo:

Recommended by leadership

Background:

According to the Budgetary Procedures Act, Title 63J, as delineated in (3)(a), the Governor is mandated to oversee the preparation and reporting of the proposed budget. This encompasses obtaining detailed estimates of revenue and expenditure changes from pertinent state officials, spanning public and higher education, executive and administrative departments, state institutions, boards, commissions, and agencies responsible for state fund management. Additionally, institutions seeking state appropriations are obliged to furnish itemized estimates. The Governor retains the authority to request additional information, including program productivity and performance measures, and may convene budget meetings with representatives of public and higher education, state departments, and other entities seeking state funding. Traditionally, budget requests are due in mid-September.

In alignment with these statutory obligations, the Utah State Board of Education has previously directed its staff to develop a budget, or funding requests, in adherence to the Budgetary Procedures Act. This directive ensures the readiness of a budget proposal for submission to the upcoming legislative session. Staff members are assigned with presenting the outcomes of prior funding requests, compiling necessary documentation, and formulating funding requests as per the Board's directives. These materials are indispensable for the Board to articulate its proposals to both the Governor's office and the Utah State Legislature.

As part of our ongoing commitment to refinement and improvement, staff members are actively soliciting input on the topics of interest and draft legislative funding proposals for the 2026 General Session. Your input is invaluable in enhancing our approach and ensuring the effectiveness of our budgetary endeavors.

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Attachments:

1. Voted and Board Local Levy Program - Analysis and Possible Recommendations - 8.26.2025
2. Voted and Board Local Levy State Guarantee Program - Possible Recommendation Scenarios - Updated 8.26.2025
3. Voted and Board Local Levy Program - Background Information 8.26.2025
4. Master Pilot Program Policy Request 2026
5. K-8 Literacy_Numeracy Policy Request 2026
6. Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program Legislative Request 2026
7. UPPAC Critical FTE Funding Request 2026
8. Internal Audit FTE Policy Request 2026
9. ADOBE Creative Cloud Funding Request 2026