

## UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Subject:**

ACTION: Paid Professional Hours for Educators Policy

**Agenda item type:**

Action Item

**Recommended Action:**

Motion for the Board: That the Board approve the USDB Paid Professional Hours to Educators policy in compliance with R277-629 on first reading and forward to the Board for final approval.

**Purpose of Memo:**

Staff recommendation

**Background:****Board Rule R277-629**

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) to allocate and monitor state-appropriated funds designated for paid professional hours, ensuring compliance with [Utah Code § 53F-7-203](#), [Utah Code § 53F-9-204](#), and [Utah Administrative Rule R277-629](#), while supporting high-quality professional learning for educators.

Educators eligible for participation include licensed teachers, specialists, school counselors, psychologists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and other certified staff employed by USDB at least 50% FTE or greater.

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**Attachments:**

1. Paid Professional Hours for Educators