

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: Continuation of Utah State Board of Education 5% Reduction Process

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

The Board recommends a 5% reduction to the Public Education Base Budget.

Purpose of Memo:

Result of legislative action

Background:

The Executive Appropriations Committee has directed all subcommittees to reduce their base budgets by **5%**, requiring the public education system to identify **\$295.8 million** in ongoing reductions. The Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee is requesting that the State Board of Education provide recommended cuts for consideration at the January 21, 2026, meeting.

Revenue estimates for the 2026 General Session show limited available funding due to federal tax changes and previously adopted base budget adjustments—including a **4.2% WPU inflationary increase**—which have already consumed all new revenue. The Stabilization Account holds funds, but statutory triggers do not allow its use for this purpose.

The Board is asked to submit proposed reductions by January 16, 2026, and be prepared to present a brief overview and answer questions during the meeting.

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1. 5% Reduction Letter_Draft