

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: Request for a Waiver to Rule R277-477-5

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the Board waive R277-477-5 for all LEAs for the 2025-2026 school year and allow the submission of final plans until March 20th, 2026.

Purpose of Memo:

Staff recommendation

Background:

The School LAND Trust Final Report form, released to schools on January 15th, contained unforeseen technical issues that prevented submission. Thorough testing was constrained because the Final Report depends on a prerequisite report that is only generated at a specific time of year. Consequently, this report was not accessible in the test environment during development, preventing the detection of these specific issues.

Although the School Children's Trust team and the developers are working to resolve the problems, principals and LEAs have been unable to access the form for one-third of the 30-business-day window allotted by Board Rule. We are requesting a deadline extension equivalent to the number of days lost. This extension applies strictly to Final Reports (reporting on prior-year fund usage) and will not impact the submission of upcoming school year plans or the release of future funding.

Please note that LEAs will be able to meet the Upcoming School Plan due dates. The Plans are available and ready for entry and have been since January 15th

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Attachments:

1. SLT LEA Waiver Application Cover Sheet Info 2025
2. R277-477

