

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-320, Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program (Amendment & Continuation)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the Committee continue and approve R277-320, Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for continuation and approval on second and final reading.

Purpose of Memo:

Result of legislative action

Background:

Summary of the Program: The Grow Your Own Teacher and Counselor Pipeline program is a competitive grant that local education agencies (LEAs) can access to award scholarships to paraprofessionals, school counselor assistants, and school counselor interns to become licensed teachers and counselors. LEAs apply to the State Board of Education for funding. School principals nominate a qualifying staff person to receive the scholarship. Scholarship funding can only be used for tuition, books, fees, certain tests required for coursework and licensure, stipends to mentors, and student teaching costs as outlined in the statute ([53F-5-218](#)).

Reason for Proposed Changes: Staff are recommending the following revisions due to the passage of [H.B. 163 Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline Program Amendments](#) and [SB 34, Public Education Revisions](#). This draft clarifies that only apprentices qualify for 4 semesters of FTE assistance and updates language on stipends for candidate mentors. R277-320 is also expiring on 7/20/26, so staff is recommending that the Board continues the rule in addition to considering the amendments.

Staff will present R277-320, Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor pipeline Program, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#), [53F-5-218](#)

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1. R277-320 - Draft 1 - April 2026 Committee