

# UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Subject:**

ACTION: Request for Use of Utah State Board of Education Discretionary funds for Development of Playground Equipment

**Agenda item type:**

Action Item

**Recommended Action:**

The Committee recommends that the Board approves the use of \$250,000 of Federal Mineral Lease (FML) funding for this project.

**Purpose of Memo:**

Requested by 3 or more members of the board

**Background:**

This proposal is intentionally designed to remove barriers to participation by supporting students with disabilities to participate in, initiate, and lead free time activities alongside nondisabled peers. The overarching goal is to foster independence and social connection through inclusive play within Utah schools. The funding will be made available to LEAs committed to intentionally designing inclusive playgrounds and selecting appropriate equipment that removes barriers for students with disabilities, ensuring they can actively, safely, and meaningfully engage alongside their peers.

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**Attachments:**

1. Board Disc Funds FY2026 Period 9
2. All Abilities Playground Recommendations - Draft 1
3. BRE Research Plan All Ability Playground - Draft 2