

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:

That the Board approves the use of \$120,000 of Federal Mineral Lease (FML) funding for this project, contingent upon presentation of a formal legal opinion at the June Board meeting.

Purpose of Memo:

Requested by 3 or more members of the board

Background:

This proposal is designed to remove barriers to participation by supporting students with disabilities in participating in, initiating, and leading free-time activities alongside their nondisabled peers. The overarching goal is to foster independence, inclusion, and social connection through accessible play opportunities within Utah schools.

At the April 2026 Finance Committee meeting, the Committee discussed a request to use Federal Mineral Lease (FML) funding for all-abilities playground equipment at Bluff Ridge Elementary School in Davis School District. During that discussion, concerns were raised regarding the need for additional research and supporting information related to the project and its intended outcomes.

As a result, the Committee approved a substitute motion directing that the item return to the May Finance Committee meeting with a research plan provided by Bluff Ridge Elementary School and Davis School District. The updated proposal includes additional information intended to support the Committee's continued consideration of the request.

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Attachments:

1. BRE Research Plan All Ability Playground 1 - Draft 4
2. BRE Research Plan All Ability Playground - Draft 3
3. Board Disc Funds FY2026 - 5.28.26

