



Canyons School District
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April 1, 2026

RE: Formal Request for Rule Waiver - R277-700-5, Digital Literacy

Dear Superintendent Hart and Members of the Utah State Board of Education:

Canyons School District formally requests a waiver from Board Rule R277-700-5 to transition the Digital Literacy course from 8th grade to 6th grade, effective for the 2026–2027 school year (FY27). This request was reviewed and approved by the Canyons School District Board of Education on March 31, 2026; documentation of this approval is enclosed.

Rationale for Waiver

While R277-700-5 currently designates Digital Literacy for grades 7 or 8, Canyons School District has identified that moving this instruction to the 6th-grade level—the entry point of secondary education—is critical for student success. Our proposal is based on the following:

- **Foundational Readiness:** 6th-grade students immediately encounter increased academic rigor, requiring proficiency in learning management systems, digital research, and file management. Early instruction ensures these skills are foundational rather than remedial.
- **Proactive Digital Citizenship:** Providing instruction on online safety, cybersecurity, and the ethical use of emerging technologies (including AI) at the start of middle school establishes responsible habits before students gain greater digital independence.
- **Scaffolded Academic Rigor:** Introducing problem solving, computational thinking, data literacy, and spreadsheet functionality in 6th grade enhances learning across content areas and provides a stronger springboard into CTE and STEM pathways including computer science, coding, information technology, and other technology-focused programs in middle and high school.
- **CTE Alignment:** Moving this course allows for a more sophisticated progression of Career and Technical Education (CTE) skills throughout grades 7–12, ultimately strengthening long-term college and career readiness.

The District remains committed to maintaining the full rigor of the state standards. We have developed a plan to ensure instruction is developmentally appropriate—specifically regarding data literacy—while preserving the vertical alignment necessary for advanced coursework.

We respectfully request your approval to implement this change to better serve our students' evolving digital needs. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. McKay Robinson
Superintendent

Amber Shill
Canyons School Board President



Canyons Board of Education Meeting Agenda

March 31, 2026

Study Session 5:30 pm

Business Meeting 7:00 pm

9361 South 300 East

Sandy, UT 84070

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/live/ZvEaMxRIAGY>

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1. Closed Session - 4:30 pm

- A. For the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Karen Pedersen moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. Katie Dahle seconded the motion. *A vote was taken. 6 Yea (Ms. Oaks and Ms. Neibaur joined in person after the vote) The motion passed unanimously.

2. Study Session - 5:30 pm

- A. Final 2026 Legislative Update - Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations and Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator
[Legislative recap 2026.pdf](#) 
- B. 2026-27 Land Trust and TSSP plan approval process – Alice Meridith, Director of Elementary Principals
- C. Canyons Innovation Center (CIC) Budget Review and Other Updates – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
[Canyons Innovation Center Budget Review and Other Updates 3-31-26.pdf](#) 
- D. Strategic Plan Focus Group Report: Human-Centered Supports – Dr. Brian McGill, Director of Student Services
[HCS Board Update 3 31 26.pdf](#) 

3. Business Meeting - 7:00 pm

4. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for March 31, 2026
[Pending Approval Agenda for March 31, 2026.pdf](#) 

AGENDA

**MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve the agenda for March 31, 2026.
Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Corner Canyon High, Principal Dina Kohler
- D. School Highlights – Corner Canyon High, Principal Dina Kohler

5. Canyons Strong Student Recognitions – Jeff Haney, Director, and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications

- A. Students & staff will be recognized for outstanding achievement.

6. Patron Comments

- A. The Board of Education encourages public engagement and schedules time to listen to patrons during its Business Meetings. Patrons wishing to participate in Patron Comment are asked to write their names and addresses on the provided sign-up sheet at least 15 minutes before the published start time of the meeting. Participants must note the agenda item or topic they wish to address, and whether they represent a group. The time for patron comments will be up to 45 minutes. Patrons who have not addressed the Board in the last two meetings may be called upon to speak first. Additional guidelines for the Patron Comment portion of the meeting of the Canyons Board of Education can be found at <https://www.canyonsdistrict.org/leadership/board/board-meetings/public-participation/>

7. Consent Agenda

Consent Action

- A. Approval of Minutes for March 3, 2026
[Pending Approval Minutes for Board Meeting March 3 2026.pdf](#) 
- B. Approval of Minutes for Closed Session March 10, 2026
[Pending Approval Minutes for Closed Session March 10, 2026.pdf](#) 
- C. Approval of Minutes for Granite Elementary Public Hearing March 10, 2026
[Pending Approval Minutes for Granite Public Hearing March 10 2026.pdf](#) 
- D. Approval of Minutes for Closed Session March 12, 2026
[Pending Approval Minutes for Closed Session March 12, 2026.pdf](#) 
- E. Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2026

[Pending Approval Minutes for Board Meeting March 19, 2026.pdf](#) 

- F. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
 - [Board Hires 2026.03.26.pdf](#) 
 - [Board Terminations 2026.03.26.pdf](#) 
- G. Approval of Minutes for Park Lane Elementary Public Hearing March 19, 2026
 - [Pending Approval Minutes for Park Lane Public Hearing March 19 2026.pdf](#) 
- H. Approval of Purchasing Bids
 - [Purchasing Memo March 31, 2026.pdf](#) 
 - [Chromebooks - IT Districtwide.pdf](#) 
 - [Corner Canyon Choir Travel.pdf](#) 
 - [CTEC Home Building Lot.pdf](#) 
 - [Network Switches-IT.pdf](#) 
 - [Stadium Audio System - Jordan High.pdf](#) 
 - [Science Curriculum - Inspire Science.pdf](#) 
- I. Approval of February Financial Reports
 - [Board February Financial Memo.doc](#) 
 - [Board February Financial Memo.pdf](#) 
 - [CSD - Board February Expense Report.pdf](#) 
 - [CSD - Board February Report Check History.pdf](#) 
 - [CSD - Board February Revenue Report.pdf](#) 
 - [Purchase Order Report February 2026.pdf](#) 
 - [Board meeting Feb 26 Payroll.pdf](#) 
- J. Approval of 2026-2027 Proposed Bell Schedule
 - [2026-2027 Bell Schedules.pdf](#) 
 - [Board Action Document Approval of the 2026-27 Bell Schedule 3-31-26.pdf](#) 
- K. Approval of TSSP and Landtrust Amendment for Willow Canyon Elementary
 - [Willow Canyon Elementary.pdf](#) 
- L. Approval of TSSP and Landtrust Amendment for Alta View Elementary
 - [TSSP Amendment Alta View Elem 2 17 26.pdf](#) 
- M. Approval of Canyons Innovation Center Phase 2 Renovations

- N. Approval of TSSP and Landtrust Amendment for East Sandy Elementary
[March 2026 Expenditures SLT and TSSP Amendment .pdf](#) 
- O. Approval of USBE Waiver Request for Digital Literacy
[Digital Literacy Waiver CSD Board Memo.pdf](#) 

8. New Business

- A. Long Range Planning Committee (Second Reading) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
[March 31, 2026 Long-Range Planning Update.pdf](#) 

MOTION #1

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved for the Board to terminate the proposal to move Park Lane Elementary into Willow Canyon Elementary and then proceed forward with the rest of the proposal concerning Granite with a decision to be made in May. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. **The motion was withdrawn.

SUBSTITUTE

SUBSTITUTION MOTION: Katie Dahle moved to postpone a vote on the proposal B for Park Lane Elementary and Granite Elementary until third reading in May. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. *A vote was taken. 3 Yea (Ms. Oaks, Ms. Dahle, Ms. Pedersen) 3 Nay (Ms. Neibaur, Mr. Edtl, Ms. Shill) The motion failed.

9. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report
- B. Business Administrator Report

10. Board Comments

- A. The President will recognize individual Board members for reports.

11. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn

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