UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:
ACTION: Language and Communications Plan

Agenda item type:
Action Item

Recommended Action:
MOTION FOR THE BOARD: that the Board approve a voluntary LEA pilot for developing model materials and implementing a Language and Communication Plan as a component in Individual Education Programs (IEPs) for deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing students including a feedback and evaluation component from participants.

Purpose of Memo:
Requested by 3 or more members of the board

Background:
The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a request that has been advanced by the Disability Law Center on behalf of some parents to require Language and Communication Plans (LCP) for students that are Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing.

This URL https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kEX5QSMN5FQ is an introductory video, specifically created for Special Education Directors in Utah as a way to briefly introduce the topic that has been created by the Disability Law Center.

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Attachments:
1. FAQs on Utah's LCPs
2. February 26, 2026 Summary
3. State Communication Plans (links updated 2_9_26).xlsx - Digest
4. State Communication Plans (links updated 2_9_26).xlsx - Breakdown w Links
5. State Interview Responses on Positives and Challenges
6. Model Plan 4March2026
7. FAQs 4March2026