

Funding Requests					
	Origin of Request	Summary of Request	Requested FTE	Funding Amount	Staff Contacts
Program Evaluation Critical FTE	Finance Committee June 2026 Member Boggess Motion: That the committee directs staff to create funding requests for items 2-4 from the Board Funding Requests 2026 Session document and bring them to the board. Motion: Passed unanimously	We are requesting \$300,000 in ongoing funding to hire two (2) Specialist-Level Program Evaluators to establish USBE's dedicated agency infrastructure for rigorous, data-driven program evaluation. These positions will directly operationalize the statewide evaluation standards enacted under S.B. 324 (2026) and UCA 63G-6b-402. Funding this request guarantees that taxpayer dollars are directed strictly to programs that demonstrate verified, empirical impact on student outcomes aligned with USBE strategic priorities and legislative intent.	2 Specialists	\$300,000	Elisse Newey elisse.newey@schools.utah.gov Policy
BTS Funding Request	Finance Committee June 2026 Member Boggess Motion: That the committee directs staff to create funding requests for items 2-4 from the Board Funding Requests 2026 Session document and bring them to the board. Motion: Passed unanimously	We are requesting \$1,339,200.00 to expand the program to 36 new schools in Alpine, Box Elder, Cache, Canyons, Davis, Iron, Park City, Provo, Weber, American Preparatory Academy schools, Beehive Science & Tech, Entheos-Kearns Campus, Legacy Preparatory, Lincoln Academy, Mountain West Montessori, Odyssey, Syracuse Arts Academy-South, Thomas Edison-North, Wasatch Peak, and Weber State University Charter that have been waitlisted in over the last two years in FY26/FY27. This will expand the BTS Arts program to an additional estimated 17,000 K-6 students who will receive high-quality, integrated arts education.	0	\$1,339,200.00	Shanda Stenger shanda.stenger@schools.utah.gov Teaching and Learning
Early Math Assessment	Finance Committee June 2026 Member Boggess Motion: That the committee directs staff to create funding requests for items 2-4 from the Board Funding Requests 2026 Session document and bring them to the board. Motion: Passed unanimously	We are requesting ongoing funding of \$1,450,000 for an early math assessment to be used as a math screener in grades K-3 to identify students at risk for math difficulties and progress monitor student's learning in early math skills.	0	\$1,450,000.00	Teresa McEntire teresa.mcentire@schools.utah.gov USBE Section: Assessment
UPPAC Critical FTE and Attorney Market-Rate Pay Increase Request	Finance Committee June 2026 Member Boggess Motion: That the committee directs staff to create funding requests for items 2-4 from the Board Funding Requests 2026 Session document and bring them to the board. Motion: Passed unanimously	We are requesting \$421,200 in ongoing funding to secure two (2) new full-time (FTE) staff attorneys and provide an updated market-rate salary adjustment for current UPPAC attorneys to eliminate severe investigative backlogs and ensure timely resolution of educator misconduct allegations.	2 Attorneys	\$421,200	Ben Rasmussen ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov Law and Professional Practices

Self Contained Special Education Funding	Finance Committee June 2026 Member Davis Motion: That the committee add in a 10 year phase in plan for the Additional WPU's for SPED Self-Contained Funding Formula funding request. Motion: Passed unanimously	In process		\$87,000,000.00	
Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind	USDB Committee June 2026 Committee Action: Member Boothe moved that the Committee forward the list of USDB Fiscal needs to the Finance Committee. Motion passed unanimously	We are requesting \$2, 718 ,766 in funding to secure materials, equipment , and dedicated personnel required to fully remediate the 2025 audit findings and increase compliance levels with Utah State Board Rules and state law including school safety . This investment will stabilize USDB's financial, data, and risk -management infrastructure without diverting critical resources away from direct K -12 classroom instruction.	7	\$2, 718 ,766	Darin Nielsen darinn@usdb.org Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Early Literacy Statutory Changes and Funding Request	Staff Generated	We are requesting statutory amendments to codes in SB 241 (GS 2026) and request 5% of administrative funds to support the implementation of the bill. We are requesting to repeal statutory codes in SB 127 (GS 2022) that are no longer funded.	1 Specialist	\$750,000	Julie Clark julie.clark@schools.utah.gov Teaching and Learning
Information Technology Budget Increase Request	Staff Generated	We are requesting an ongoing increase of \$971,984 per year, effective FY2028, to cover software and cloud hosting cost growth (including a reallocation from retiring legacy infrastructure to the increased Microsoft Azure hosting), a new software solution request from the agency for project management and strategic planning, contracted IT work supporting current work and unfunded mandates, and hardware and infrastructure renewal cycles. USBE's Information Technology budget has not increased since at least 2017. This request does not include personnel costs.	0	\$971,984 ongoing	Jared Felt jared.felt@schools.utah.gov Information Technology
Purple Star School	Staff Generated (Board Member Motion - not officially made on 6/5/2026 by Board Member Kerry)	Funding for the Purple Star Schools program will support the development and recognition of schools committed to serving military-connected students and families. Requested funds will be used to purchase Purple Star Schools recognition materials, including banners and signage; support school recognition ceremonies and outreach events; develop and distribute informational resources at military and community events; and provide promotional and educational materials that increase awareness of the program. These resources will help strengthen partnerships between schools, military installations, and communities while recognizing schools that demonstrate a commitment to supporting military-connected students.	0	\$10,000-\$15,000	Cassie Hays cassie.hays@schools.utah.gov Comms
Internal Audit Hotline Support	Audit Committee June 2026 Motion: That the Committee recommend the legislative session request listed below be sent to the Board with other funding requests: Parent and LEA Hotline Support	We are requesting \$150,000 in ongoing funding to support efficient and effective maintenance of the Public Education Hotline used to intake concerns from parents, students and educators on behalf of local education agencies (LEAs); as well as to respond to parents, students and educators, refer concerns to LEAs, and train and provide technical assistance to LEA personnel on hotline concerns and investigations.	1	\$157,000 ongoing	Debbie Davis, Chief Audit Executive Debbie.davis@schools.utah.gov Internal Audit Department

Mentoring and Supporting Teacher Excellence and Refinement (MASTER) Program Request for a Stable, Ongoing Funding Structure	Finance Committee June 2026 Member Davis Motion: That the committee directs staff to create a funding request for the Master Pilot Program and bring it to the board. Motion: Passed unanimously	This request seeks the same amount (\$2.4 million) of funding ongoing rather than from year to year. State code 53F-5-222 (established 07/01/2024). The Mentoring and Supporting Teacher Excellence and Refinement Pilot Program was established by the 2024 legislative session and was funded for two years. In the 2026 Legislative Session, the funding was renewed, but for one year through HB 146. The early indicators of the impact of this program on teacher effectiveness and teacher retention has been very promising. In order to continue the program and collect more data on its effectiveness and encourage the investment of resources from LEAs including time, money, and personnel to innovate according to the spirit of the legislation- an ongoing funding stream is needed to support longer-term, more sustainable designs by LEAs.	0	\$2.4 million per year	Katie Dewey Hill Katie.hill@schools.utah.gov Teaching and Learning
Preschool Amendments	Staff Generated	We are requesting a statutory change to the School Readiness Initiative grant program to shift governance to USBE, establish a cost-per-child that functions similar to the Weighed Pupil Unit (WPU), and allow for greater oversight of preschools with stronger connection to the K-12 system.	0	\$8 million	Name: Teresa Judd Email: teresa.judd@schools.utah.gov USBE Section: School Improvement