

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: NASBE High School Transformation State Network

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the Board authorize participation in the High School Transformation State Network and execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Background: In July 2026, USBE was invited to apply to apply for inclusion in the NASBE HSTSN with a cohort of other states. Vice Chair Wood submitted the application, and Utah was accepted to participate with Kentucky, California, and Washington. If approved, a team of Stakeholders, including Vice Chair Wood, Member Kelley, and Aaron Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Data and Student Pathways will develop a plan to coordinate the many initiatives that are currently happening within Utah, including First Credential, APEX Grants, TRAC, Job Corp, etc.

Purpose of Memo:

Requested by 3 or more members of the board

Background:

The Utah State Board of Education has been accepted to participate in the NASBE High School Transformation State Network (HSTSN) for 2026-2028. The request is for the Board to authorize participation in the HSTSN and to approve execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which will allow USBE to work with NASBE over the next two years.

The Board's responsibilities will include: recruiting and maintaining a state team, participating in a structured opportunity scan, and developing and implementing a High School Transformation Evidence and Innovation Agenda. The final requirement will require us to submit an impact report to NASBE by April 14, 2028.

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Attachments:

1. Elevating_Utah_High_Schools

2. HSTSN 2026-28 Application_UT