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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Brad C. Smith
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: May 7-8, 2015

ACTION: Distribution of FY 16 Funds to Science Education Enhancement Institutions (ISEE) and Provider Organizations

Background:

In accordance with Board rule R277-444 *Distribution of Funds to Arts and Science Organizations*, the Utah State Board of Education administers allocations and budget requests associated with the Science Outreach line item funding amongst the current informal science education enhancement (ISEE) institutions.

Key Points:

During the 2015 session of the Utah State Legislature, an additional \$940,000 in ongoing money was allocated for the current ISEE organizations and an additional \$850,000 was allocated for the new ISEE provider organizations.

Anticipated Action:

The Standards and Assessment Committee will review recommendations regarding the distribution of the new money and direct staff in response to those recommendations.

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RECOMMENDATION TO THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Distribution of New Funding for the Informal Science Education Enhancement (iSEE)

Background:

The Utah State Legislature allocated additional funding for the iSEE program for the FY16. The group includes eight informal science education organizations (six current providers, and two new providers) that provide in school and venue science learning experiences for the schools in alignment to the Utah Core Standards for Science. The Board has discretion on how new funding should be distributed. Each organization is required to match the legislative funding 1:1. The new funding is in two categories:

On-going to Current Providers:	\$940,000
New Providers:	\$850,000

Recommendation:

On-going: Distribute the \$940,000 to the six current provider organizations and the subsidy program according to the requests proposed by the institutions based on their capacity to match funding and deliver services to the K-12 education system.

	2014/15	2015/16	
<u>Current Providers</u>	iSEE	iSEE	Increase
Clark Planetarium	<u>\$739,917</u>	<u>\$839,897</u>	<u>\$99,980</u>
Discovery Gateway	\$268,258	\$278,258	\$10,000
Loveland Living Planet Aquarium	\$281,688	\$674,980	\$393,292
Natural History Museum of Utah	\$549,685	\$724,665	\$174,980
Red Butte Garden	\$222,480	\$297,460	\$74,980
The Leonardo	<u>\$313,212</u>	<u>\$499,980</u>	<u>\$186,768</u>
	\$2,375,240	\$3,315,340	\$940,100

New Providers: Distribute \$850,000 to the two iSEE organizations according to the requests proposed by the institutions based on their capacity to match funding and deliver services to the K-12 education system.

	2014/15 RFP Funds	2015/16 Ongoing Funds	
<u>New Providers</u>	iSEE	iSEE	Increase
HawkWatch	\$46,683	\$100,000	
Thanksgiving Point	\$178,317	<u>\$750,000</u>	
		\$850,000	