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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members, Utah State Board of Education

**FROM:** Brad C. Smith  
Chief Executive Officer

**DATE:** June 18-19, 2015

**ACTION:** The Use of Mineral Lease Funds or Other Funds to Assist LEAs to Pay for Canvas LMS in Public Schools

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### **Background:**

Canvas is a cloud-based learning management system (LMS) designed for K-12 teachers and students that connects digital tools and resources teachers use into one place. Currently, the Legislature appropriates money to Utah Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) to pay half of each IHE's subscription for Canvas. The appropriation to pay half of IHEs' Canvas subscription each year is administered through the Utah Education Network (UEN).

### **Key Points:**

The Finance Committee will discuss whether the Board may be interested in using mineral lease funds or other money to help K-12 public schools pay half of each public school's subscription to Canvas.

### **Anticipated Action:**

It is anticipated the Finance Committee will make a recommendation to the Board regarding funding a portion of an LEA's subscription costs for Canvas for the 2015-16 school year or 2016-17 school year.

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