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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: R277-498 *Grant for Math Teaching Training* (Amendment and Continuation)

Background:

1. R277-498 is amended in response to H.B. 30 *Math Teacher Training Program Amendments* (2015 Legislative Session). Technical and conforming changes are also made throughout the rule.
2. In addition to the amendments to R277-498, the rule is continued consistent with Board policy for continuation of rules and the Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act. The rule was enacted effective April 8, 2013.

Key Points:

1. The amendments to R277-498 provide an expansion to the grant program for teacher training in math to allow a grant to be used to provide a stipend, professional development, and leadership opportunities to assist a teacher in becoming a teacher leader. The amendments also provide changes to numbering and terminology throughout the rule.
2. R277-498 continues to be necessary because it provides procedures to award funds to institutions of higher education to support and encourage prospective educators to earn mathematics endorsements.

Anticipated Action:

1. It is proposed that the Standards and Assessment Committee consider approving R277-498, as amended, on first reading and, if approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving R277-498, as amended, on second reading.
2. It is proposed that the Standards and Assessment Committee consider approving R277-498 for continuing on first reading and, if approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving R277-498 for continuation on second reading.

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1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277 498. Grant for Math Teaching Training.**

3 **R277-498-[2]1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 ~~[A.]~~(1) This rule is authorized by:

5 (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests
6 general control and supervision of public education in the
7 Board~~[, by]~~;

8 (b) Subsection 53A-1-401(3), which allows the Board to
9 adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities~~[7]~~; and
10 ~~[by]~~

11 (c) Subsection 53A-6-901(2), ~~[that]~~which directs the
12 Board to ~~[write]~~make rules to provide criteria to award a
13 grant~~[(s) to a higher education institution(s) to encourage~~
14 ~~prospective educators to earn]~~ related to mathematics
15 [endorsements]education.

16 ~~[B.]~~(2) The purpose of this rule is to establish
17 criteria to award ~~[funds, consistent with 2012 legislation, to~~
18 ~~institution(s) of higher education]~~a grant to:

19 (a) support and encourage prospective educators to earn
20 mathematics endorsements~~[7]~~; and

21 (b) assist an experienced mathematics teacher in becoming
22 a teacher leader.

23 **R277-498-[1]2. Definitions.**

24 ~~[A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.]~~

25 ~~[B.]~~(1) "Comprehensive Administration of Credentials for
26 Teachers in Utah Schools" or "~~[+]CACTUS[+]~~" means the
27 electronic file maintained on all licensed Utah educators~~[7~~
28 ~~The file]~~that includes~~[information such as]~~:

29 ([1]a) personal directory information;

30 ([2]b) educational background;

31 ([3]c) endorsements;

32 ([4]d) employment history; and

33 ([5]e) a record of disciplinary action taken against the
34 educator.

35 ~~[C.]~~(2) "Endorsements in mathematics" means one or more

36 endorsements in the mathematics teaching field that:

37 (a) qualify an educator or prospective educator to teach
38 a specific or specific level of mathematics course~~[. A~~
39 ~~notation indicating the educator's competency is maintained];~~
40 and

41 (b) is indicated by a notation on the educator's CACTUS
42 record.

43 (3) "Grantee" or "prospective grantee" means:

44 (a) an institution of higher education; or

45 (b) a nonprofit educational organization.

46 ~~[D.]~~(4) "Matching funds" means funds provided by the
47 grant recipient in order to receive state funds under Section
48 53A-6-901.

49 ~~[E. "Teaching license" or "educator license" means an~~
50 ~~authorization issued by the Board which permits the holder to~~
51 ~~serve in a professional capacity in the public schools.]~~

52 ~~[F. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.]~~

53 **R277-498-3. Board~~/USOE~~ Procedures for Distributing Funds.**

54 ~~[A.]~~(1) The [USOE]Superintendent shall [identify one or
55 more institutions of higher education]select a grantee that
56 meets the criteria of Section 53A-6-901 and the criteria of
57 this rule from requests submitted by [interested institutions
58 of higher education]a prospective grantee.

59 ~~[B.]~~(2) The [USOE]Superintendent shall notify a selected
60 [institutions]grantee of [their]its eligibility to receive
61 funds under this program following:

62 (a) review of the request; and

63 (b) the assurance of matching funds.

64 ~~[C.]~~(3) The [USOE]Superintendent may identify one
65 eligible and qualified [institution of higher
66 education]grantee and establish a funding schedule to
67 distribute funds or allow [institutions]a prospective grantee
68 to submit an application[s] until March 30[, 2013].

69 ~~[D.]~~(4) The [USOE]Superintendent, under the direction of
70 the Board, shall distribute the appropriation provided for in

71 Section 53A-6-901[, ~~Section 2~~] by June 30[~~2013~~].

72 **R277-498-4. Criteria for Awarding Grants.**

73 [A.](1) The [USOE]Superintendent shall consider the
74 amount or percent of matching funds that a[n ~~institution of~~
75 ~~higher education~~] prospective grantee [shall]offers.

76 [B.](2) The [USOE]Superintendent shall determine that
77 the [~~institution of higher education~~]prospective grantee
78 requesting funds under Section 53A-6-901 shall use the funds[
79 ~~for teachers and training~~] consistent with Section 53A-6-
80 901[~~(1)~~].

81 **R277-498-5. Accountability and Documentation.**

82 [A.](1) The [USOE]Superintendent shall maintain records
83 of the distribution of funds to [~~institution(s) of higher~~
84 ~~education~~]a grantee that[~~made~~] requests[~~for~~] funds provided
85 under Section 53A-6-901 and [~~R277-498~~]this rule.

86 [B.](2) The recipient of funds under Section 53A-6-901
87 shall maintain documentation of the matching funds offered by
88 the [~~institution~~]grantee that established the
89 [~~institution's~~]grantee's eligibility.

90 [C.](3) Both the [USOE]Superintendent and the eligible
91 [~~institution(s)~~]grantee shall maintain documentation of:

92 (a) the number of prospective educators and the relevant
93 training received from funding provided [~~in~~]by Section
94 53A-6-901; or

95 (b) the number of experienced mathematics teachers and
96 the relevant training received from funding provided by
97 Section 53A-6-901.

98 **KEY: grants, educator, math teaching training**
99 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: [~~April 8,~~**
100 **2013]2015**

101 **Notice of Continuation: 2015**

102 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X, Sec**
103 **3; 53A-1-401(3); 53A-6-901(2)**