

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Sydnee Dickson
Deputy Superintendent

DATE: November 5-6, 2015

ACTION: Kindergarten Assessment

Background:

As a state, Utah does not have a consistent measure across all districts and schools to assess “kindergarten readiness.” The Education Interim Committee discussed the topic of kindergarten assessment during its July 2015 interim meeting. At its August 2015 meeting, the Board of Education discussed and voted to establish a statewide kindergarten assessment.

Key Points:

Four kindergarten assessment options that will be presented by staff:

- 1) USOE created assessment
- 2) Adoption of LEA assessment
- 3) DIBELS/Math Screener from LEA
- 4) A commercial product

Anticipated Action:

The Standards and Assessment Committee will hear information regarding all four options that are being presented for kindergarten assessment and make recommendations to the Board regarding approval of an assessment.

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	ASSESSMENT	ESTIMATED COST	IT CONSIDERATIONS	PROS	CONS
OPTION 1	USOE CREATED ASSESSMENT	<p>Example cost from similar USOE assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UALPA – Utah created assessment for EL students \$4,500,000.00 for 5 years • Justification: UBSCCT- Utah created graduation assessment for high school students: \$4,7000,000.00 , \$1,500.000.00 per year for 50,000 students <p>Total Cost Estimate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment study \$400,000.00 • Item Development \$1000-1200 per item (60 items, \$72,000.) • Test Development \$100,000,000.00 <p>Delivery, Scoring and Reporting (\$7.00-10.00 per student) \$350,000-\$500,000.00</p> <p>Estimated Total \$1,500,000.00 Yr. 1 \$500,000.00 ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT/Assessment cost to create new test form/ platform delivery system not yet estimated • Or purchase of a delivery system • New UTREx filed: no cost other than time (if not complicated) implementation 12-18 months • New Field in SIS: no cost to USOE other than time (LEA cost) implementation 12-18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USOE control of content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline-limited time to create quality assessment • Not standardized • Multiple years of data collection to build data base to ensure reliability • Create PL \$25,000.00 - \$50,000 per year.
OPTION 2	ADOPTION OF LEA ASSESSMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar to USOE Created Assessments Above: • No item development <p>Total Cost Estimate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment study \$400,000.00 • Delivery, Scoring and Reporting (\$7.00-10.00 per student) \$350,000-\$500,000.00 <p>Estimated Total : \$900,000.00 Yr, 1 \$500,000.00 Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT/Assessment cost to create new test form/ platform delivery system not yet estimated • Or purchase of a delivery system • New UTREx filed: no cost other than time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control of content • Already created 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not standardized • Multiple years of data collection to build data base to ensure reliability • Create PL \$25,000.00 - \$50,000 per year.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Field in SIS: no cost to USOE other than time (LEA cost) implementation 12-18 months 		
OPTION 3	DIBELS/Math Screener from LEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DIBELS cost (currently paying \$10.00 per student for 1-3) \$500,000.00 to add K (DIBELS Could be less with DIBELS vendors; V-Port, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USOE Math Screener LEA Math Screener <p>Total Cost Estimate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DIBELSnext \$3 per student \$180,000.00) Math Item Development of screener \$35,000.00 Delivery, Scoring and Reporting of Math (\$7.00-10.00 per student) \$350,000-\$500,000. <p>Estimated Total: \$715,000.00 Yr. 1 \$500,000.00 Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT/Assessment cost to create new math test form/ platform delivery system not yet estimated Or purchase of a delivery system New UTREx filed: no cost other than time (if not complicated) implementation 12-18 months New Field in SIS: no cost to USOE other than time (LEA cost) implementation 12-18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Already created (DIBELS) Standardized (DIBELS) Valid and reliable data (DIBELS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math portion still would have the same above issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not standardized Multiple years of data collection to build data base to ensure reliability Create PL \$25,000.00 - \$50,000 per year.

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<p>OPTION 4</p>	<p>COMMERICAL PRODUCT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sample</u> of kindergarten assessment prices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TEMA (Test of Early Mathematics Ability: \$321 per kit (1 classroom set) \$800,000 per year ○ Gold: \$199.95 per kit (1 classroom set) \$500,000 per year <p>Total Cost Estimate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Math Test Kits \$800,00 • Commercial Reading Test Kit \$500,000.00 • Scoring and Reporting of Math (\$5.00-per student) \$350,000 <p>Estimated Total Cost: \$1,650,000.00 Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New UTREx filed: no cost other than time (if not complicated) implementation 12-18 months • Data transfer considerations from vendor to USOE • New Field in SIS: no cost to USOE other than time (LEA cost) implementation 12-18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already created • Standardized • Valid and reliable data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of control of content
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