

**MEMORANDUM**

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

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

**DATE:** November 6, 2015

**ACTION:** Student Privacy Study

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**Background:**

HB 68 *Student Privacy Study* (2015 Legislation Session) required USOE to hire a Chief Privacy Officer (CPO) and complete a Student Privacy Study. On or before January 31, 2016 the Board and the chief privacy officer are required to present a funding proposal and recommendations described in in HB 68 subsection (2)(a) to the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

Funding from HB 68 was used to contract with a nationally recognized expert on student privacy to help draft recommendations on possible student privacy laws. ESP Solutions Group was selected to do this work.

**Key Points:**

USOE Staff and ESP Solutions Group will present recommendations for improvements, additional procedures, changes to data governances, and funding proposals ideas to improve safeguards of student data privacy and protections and to enhanced transparency for the public.

**Anticipated Action:**

The Board will consider approval of the recommendations and may give further direction.

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