

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Angie Stallings, Associate Superintendent  
Policy and Communication

**DATE:** May 12-13, 2016

**ACTION:** R277-923 *American Indian and Alaskan Native Education State Plan Pilot Program (New)*

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**Background:**

The 2016 Legislature passed SB 14, American Indian and Alaskan Native Amendments. This new rule provides criteria for evaluating grant applicants, procedures for a school district to apply to the Board to receive grant money, and procedures for the review of a grant recipient's use of grant money.

**Board Strategic Plan:**

This item supports the following imperative and strategies in the Board's Strategic Plan: Oversight - Monitor, review, and provide general supervision to all public education institutions and other entities for which the State Board has responsibility.

**Anticipated Action:**

It is proposed that the Law and Licensing Committee consider approving R277-923 on first reading and, if approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving R277-923 on second reading.

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1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-923. American Indian and Alaskan Native Education State Plan Pilot**  
3 **Program.**

4 **R277-923-1. Authority and Purpose.**

5 (1) This rule is authorized by:

6 (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and  
7 supervision over public education in the Board; and

8 (b) Section 53A-31-404, which provides that the Board may make rules  
9 related to the pilot program; and

10 (c) Subsection 53A-1-401, which allows the Board to make rules to execute  
11 the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law.

12 (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide:

13 (a) criteria for evaluating grant applications; and

14 (b) procedures for:

15 (i) a school district to apply to the Board to receive grant money; and

16 (ii) the review of the use of grant money.

17 **R277-923-2. Definitions.**

18 (1) "American Indian and Alaskan Native concentrated school" has the same  
19 meaning as that term is defined in Section 53A-31-402.

20 (2) "Program site" means the school where an LEA plans to use grant money  
21 and implement the LEA's program.

22 **R277-923-3. Grant Application.**

23 (1) An LEA may apply for a grant described in Section 53A-31-404 by  
24 submitting an application to the Superintendent on or before the last Friday in May.

25 (2) The Superintendent shall develop a grant application and make the grant  
26 application available to LEAs that meet the eligibility as an American Indian and  
27 Alaskan Native concentrated school.

28 **R277-923-4. Procedure and Criteria for Awarding a Grant.**

29 (1) The Superintendent shall award one grant to an LEA to serve two program

30 sites.

31 (2) The Superintendent shall award the grant described in Subsection (1) to  
32 the LEA based on the following criteria:

33 (a) up to 20 points will be awarded based on the percentage of American  
34 Indian and Alaskan Native students enrolled in the program sites;

35 (b) up to 15 points will be awarded based on the educator recruiting and  
36 retention needs of the program sites;

37 (c) up to 15 points will be awarded based on the strength of the LEA's  
38 program design plan;

39 (d) up to 25 points will be awarded based on specific strategies included in the  
40 program design to improve student academic achievement based on research and  
41 assessment data;

42 (e) up to 10 points will be awarded based on the LEA's plan to objectively  
43 evaluate the success of the LEA's program design plan;

44 (f) up to 10 points will be awarded based on the strength of the LEA's  
45 proposed budget and how many educators the LEA plans to serve; and

46 (g) up to 5 points will be awarded based on the LEA's inclusion of community  
47 partners in the LEA's program design plan.

48 **KEY: Native American, Alaskan Native, grant program, teacher retention**

49 **Date of Enactment of Last Substantive Amendment: 2016**

50 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53A-31-404;**

51 **53A-1-401.**