

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Angie Stallings, Associate Superintendent
Policy and Communication

DATE: June 9-10, 2016

ACTION: R277-924 *Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program* (New)

Background:

The 2016 Legislature passed S.B. 67, Partnerships for Student Success, which requires the Board to make rules to administer the Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program. R277-924 is enacted to comply with the new legislation.

The program is designed to create partnerships for student success to improve educational outcomes for low income students through the formation of cross-sector partnerships that use data to align and improve efforts focused on student success.

Board Strategic Plan:

This item supports the following imperative and strategies in the Board's Strategic Plan:

- Equity, Instructional Quality, and System Values.

Anticipated Action:

It is proposed that the Standards and Assessment Committee consider approving R277-924 on first reading and, if approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving R277-924 on second reading.

Contact: Lisa Wisham, 801-538-7825
Ann White, 801-539-7827
Rich Nye, 801-538-7550
Angie Stallings, 801-538-7550

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-924. Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program.**

3 **R277-924-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized by:

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

7 (b) Section 53A-4-307, which requires the Board to make rules to administer
8 the Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program; and

9 (c) Subsection 53A-1-401(3), which allows the Board to adopt rules in
10 accordance with its responsibilities.

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

12 (a) criteria for evaluating grant applications; and

13 (b) procedures for:

14 (i) an eligible partnership to apply to the Board to receive grant money; and

15 (ii) the evaluation of an eligible partnership's use of grant money.

16 **R277-924-2. Definitions.**

17 (1) "Eligible partnership" means the same as that term is defined in Section
18 53A-4-302.

19 (2) "Eligible school feeder pattern" means the same as that term is defined in
20 Section 53A-4-302.

21 (3) "Grant program" means the Partnerships for Student Success Grant
22 Program established in Section 53A-4-303.

23 (4) "Lead applicant" means an LEA or local nonprofit organization designated
24 by an eligible partnership to act as the lead applicant for a grant described in Title
25 53A, Chapter 4, Part 3, Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program and this
26 Rule.

27 **R277-924-3. Grant Application.**

28 (1) The Superintendent shall:

29 (a) develop a grant application that allows an eligible partnership, through the
30 lead applicant, to apply to participate in the grant program; and

- 31 (b) make the grant application available on the Board's website.
- 32 (2) An eligible partnership may apply for a grant described in Section 53A-4-
33 303 by submitting an application to the Superintendent:
- 34 (a) on or before September 1, 2016; or
- 35 (b) on or before the date published on the Board's website.
- 36 (3)(a) An eligible partnership or lead applicant may notify the Superintendent
37 of the eligible partnership's intention to apply for a grant at any time.
- 38 (b) If an eligible partnership intends to be considered for a grant for the
39 upcoming school year, the eligible partnership shall submit a letter of intent by the
40 deadline established by the Superintendent and published on the Board's website.
- 41 (4) For each year the Superintendent is authorized to solicit grant
42 applications, the Superintendent shall publish a timeline on the Board's website by
43 March 1, including a date for the application release, and due dates for the LEA to
44 submit required materials.
- 45 (5) The Superintendent shall evaluate each application using the criteria
46 described in Section R277-924-4 to determine if the applying partnership is an
47 eligible partnership.
- 48 (6) The Superintendent shall notify the lead applicant of successful receipt of
49 a grant by July 1.

50 **R277-924-4. Procedure and Criteria for Awarding a Grant.**

- 51 (1) The Superintendent shall award grants to eligible partnerships based on
52 the amount of funding available for the grant program.
- 53 (2) The Superintendent shall award the grant described in Subsection (1) to
54 an eligible partnership based on the following criteria:
- 55 (a) the percentage of students who live in families with an income at or below
56 185% of the federal poverty level enrolled in schools within the eligible school feeder
57 pattern;
- 58 (b) the comprehensive needs assessment of the eligible partnership, including
59 the shared goals, outcomes and measurement practices based on the unique
60 community needs and interests;
- 61 (c) the proposed program services to be implemented based on the

62 comprehensive needs assessment described in Subsection (2)(b), including how the
63 eligible partnership's plan aligns with:

64 (i) the five- and ten-year plan to address intergenerational poverty described
65 in Section 35A-9-303; and

66 (ii) if the eligible partnership has a low performing school within the eligible
67 partnership's school feeder pattern, the school turnaround plans of the low
68 performing schools;

69 (d) how the eligible partnership will:

70 (i) improve educational outcomes for low income students through the
71 formation of cross-sector partnerships; and

72 (ii) improve efforts focused on student success;

73 (e) the outcome-based measures selected by the eligible partnership,
74 including the eligible partnership's plan to:

75 (i) objectively assess the success of the eligible partnership's program design
76 plan; and

77 (ii) make changes to the eligible partnership's plan based on the assessment
78 described in Subsection (2)(e)(i);

79 (f) the strength of the eligible partnership's commitment to:

80 (i) the establishment and maintenance of data systems that inform program
81 decisions;

82 (ii) sharing of information and collaboration with third party evaluators; and

83 (iii) meeting annual reporting requirements;

84 (g) the eligible partnership's budget, including:

85 (i) identifying the estimated cost per student for the program;

86 (ii) an explanation for each proposed expenditure and how each expenditure
87 aligns with the eligible partnership's proposed program; and

88 (iii) providing matching funds as required in Section 53A-4-304.

89 (3) Additional points will be awarded to an eligible partnership that:

90 (a) includes a low performing school as defined in Section 53A-1-1202; or

91 (b) includes community and parent engagement as a part of the eligible
92 partnership's plan.

93 (4) The Superintendent shall administer and oversee the evaluation of the

94 program as provided in Section 53A-4-306.

95 **KEY: Partnerships for Student Success; grant program; community; non-profit**
96 **organizations**

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

98 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53A-4-307;**
99 **53A-1-401(3).**