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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Diana Suddreth
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DATE: November 3-4, 2016

ACTION: Digital Teaching and Learning Qualified Grant Plan Approval

Background:

In 2016, the Digital Teaching and Learning Grant Program (HB 277) was established to provide funds to local education agencies (LEAs) to support infrastructure, personnel, and professional learning to develop digital personalized learning tied to student learning outcomes. The Digital Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee reviewed LEA plans according to the published rubric in October 2016, and has submitted recommendations for plan approval to the Utah State Board of Education.

Board Strategic Plan:

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

- Imperatives Educational Equity, Quality Learning
- Strategies Educational Options, Oversight

Anticipated Action:

The Standards and Assessment Committee will review the LEA plans for the Digital Teaching and Learning Qualified Grant FY 2017 and consider forwarding recommendations for approval to the Board.

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Digital Teaching and Learning Qualified Grant Plan Approval



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Digital Teaching and Learning Grant Review Outcomes – October 2016

Digital Teaching and Learning Qualified Grant Program accepted draft plans at the October 7, 2016 due date, and received the following submissions:

71 full plan draft proposals (40 districts, 30 charter schools, and USDB)
6 planning grant proposals (1 district, 5 charter schools)

The proposals were reviewed by a team of state experts representing a variety of stakeholders including leaders from the Utah Education Telehealth Network (UETN), Utah State Board of Education (USBE), and Local Education Agency leaders with the Digital Teaching and Learning Advisory Board.

The panelists reviewed each proposal by section and provided feedback on the individual plan requirements (noting “*present*” or “*missing*”) as well as additional comments of strengths and opportunities for improvement. Each LEA received a full review as constructive feedback to inform revisions to the Digital Teaching and Learning plan.

In compliance with R277-922, the Digital Teaching and Learning Advisory Board is recommending the Utah State Board of Education consider the following proposals for approval:

Full Digital Teaching and Learning Grant	Planning Grant
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Cache School District· Iron School District· Mountainville Academy Charter School· Salt Lake Arts Academy Charter School· Salt Lake City School District· Washington County School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· American Academy of Innovation Charter School· City Academy Charter School· Freedom Preparatory Academy Charter School· Maria Montessori Academy Charter School· Ogden City School District

Full plans that are recommended for approval are available on the website: <http://www.uen.org/digital-learning/leaplans.shtml>

The panel concurred that the collective LEA drafts submitted in this first round were inspiring. The collective effort of Utah K-12 leaders in responding to this program was evident in both the level of participation, as well as the quality vision that LEA’s developed for students in regards to digital and personalized learning.

The next and final submission date for FY 2017 funding is on Friday, November 11, 2016 by 5:00 PM. The Digital Teaching and Learning Advisory Board will review the submissions and bring a second round of plans for USBE consideration at the December 2016 board meeting.