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### **MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Martell Menlove, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer

**DATE:** January 9, 2014

**INFORMATION/  
ACTION:** 2014 Legislative Session

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#### **Background:**

The Board has requested that a brief update of legislative activity be given in each board meeting between now and March. The update is intended to ensure that Board members are adequately informed of the critical issues that are or may be before the Utah Legislature. Additionally, Legislative Board meetings will be held throughout the legislative session to provide for timely information and Board decisions during that time.

#### **Key Points:**

Informational materials regarding legislative items will be distributed at Board meetings, and staff will be prepared to respond to questions from Board members regarding legislative activities. Staff will briefly present on key bills and issues and will receive direction from the Board.

#### **Anticipated Action:**

The Board will receive the report and may wish to take positions on some proposed bills.

**Contact:** Superintendent Martell Menlove, 801-538-7510

# State Board of Education Funding Priorities

## 2014 Legislative Session

Adopted September 6, 2013 – Amended December 6, 2013

	Activity/Initiative	2014-15 (FY 15)	Brief Summary	Governor's Budget
<b>Legislative Expectation</b>	Full Funding of Actual Growth	\$64,000,000	Funding of growth within the Minimum School Program (xx,xxx additional students)	\$64,000,000
	Increase in Value of WPU	\$73,000,000 (2.7% Increase)	1.0% - match anticipated State Employee COLA 1.0% - needed to fund required URS increases 0.7% - inflationary costs and maintain programs	\$61,600,000 (2.5% Increase)
		<b>\$137,000,000</b>		<b>\$125,600,000</b>
<b>Ongoing</b>				
1	Middle and High School Math Initiative 90% Proficiency 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$5,000,000	Comprehensive Professional Learning Initiative for 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade math teachers – 5 days - digitally delivered materials	\$3,000,000 STEM - GOED
2	Early Intervention Initiatives – 90% 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade reading proficiency	\$20,000,000	– Improve K-3 reading proficiency - Expand early intervention programs – targeted extended day – targeted voluntary pre-school	
3	USOE /State Board staffing/program needs	\$2,100,000	Assure confidentiality of student and teacher data – meet increased audit and performance measures accountability – Restore staff reductions – new fiscal management program	
4	Graduation Initiative 90% Graduation Rate	\$8,000,000	\$4,000,000 reduce student to counselor ratio (1:350) - \$1,000,000 innovative graduation programs - \$3,000,000 student advocates	\$2,000,000 (Utah Futures)
5	School Climate and Student Support	\$2,000,000	USOE Student Services – Suicide Prevention – Bullying Prevention -	
6	Targeted Professional Learning	\$5,000,000	\$1,500,000 Utah Core Academy - \$3,500,000 grants to districts and charters for targeted professional learning	
7	Concurrent Enrollment Initiative	\$1,500,000	Provide opportunities for students, statewide to earn an Associates Degree while in high school	\$1,500,000* (Higher Ed)
8	High Cost Special Education Students	\$1,500,000	Assure adequate funding for the high-cost special education funding pool	
		<b>\$45,100,000</b>		
<b>One-Time</b>				
1	School Improvement Initiative	\$10,000,000	Grants to schools based on school improvement plans designed to increase school grade	
2	1 to 1 Device Initiative	\$50,000,000	Provide grants to districts and charters for devices, infrastructure, and technical support to fully implement technology-based learning	
3	Educator Evaluation Implementation	\$450,000	Professional learning for building administrators to implement educator evaluations with fidelity	\$450,000
4	Innovative Transportation	\$20,000,000	Grants to districts and charters to address efficient and clean transportation	\$14,000,000
5	Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts	\$5,000,000	Expand BTSA Program to additional schools	\$4,000,000
6	Teacher Supplies	\$5,000,000	Continue to reimburse individual teachers for out-of-pocket funded classroom supplies	\$5,000,000
	Utah Data Alliance			\$1,200,000
	Statewide Adjustments			\$1,200,000
	UEN Elementary Connectivity			\$600,000
		<b>\$90,450,000</b>		
	<b>TOTAL REQUEST</b>	<b>\$272,550,000</b>		<b>\$157,050,000</b>