

## **Agency: UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **Program or Request Title: School Accountability System Redesign**

#### **Summary of Request:** (briefly articulate the need for the policy change or funding request and the anticipated outcomes)

On May 6, 2021, the Board approved a proposal to create a holistic, student-centered system of accountability and support. USBE staff have engaged with Executive and Advisory committees between Fall 2021 to Fall 2022 to develop policy recommendations related to the redesign of Utah's School Accountability System.

The legislation would amend sections of Title 53E, Chapter 5, Part 2, *School Accountability System*, related to recommendations from the Accountability System Redesign Executive and Advisory Committees, which will be presented to the Board in October 2022 as part of the report from the Executive and Advisory Committee.

#### **What is the nature of your request?**

Select one:

- ☒ **POLICY REQUEST** – You are seeking changes to Utah State Code to improve your program/services.
- ☐ **BUSINESS CASE** – You are seeking new or additional financial resources to support a program/service for education.
- ☐ **BOTH POLICY and BUSINESS** – You are proposing a new program or expansion of an existing program that will require new/amended state code and financial resources.

Questions? Please contact:

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Representative Jefferson Moss

USBE Board Chair Mark Huntsman

## **POLICY REQUEST**

*This section only needs to be completed if you are making a policy request (creating or changing existing Utah Code language).*

**1. Section(s) of State Code to be addressed (if none, insert “N/A”):**

[Utah Code 53E-5-2](#)

The Utah State Legislature has established and maintains authority for Utah’s School Accountability System and has directed the Utah State School Board (the Board) to “adopt rules to implement a statewide accountability system” ([Utah Code 53E-5-2](#)).

**2. Describe the issues or concerns the legislation will address:**

Utah’s School Accountability System needs to be more aligned with Personalized, Competency-Based Learning and Utah’s Portrait of a Graduate while maintaining an easy to compare, simple, and transparent school accountability system. Included in this work is a consideration of an accountability system that is balanced and holistic to the nature of learning, supports real and sustained change by supporting ownership of the need to change as well as the methods necessary to drive improvements and stimulate local accountability initiatives.

**3. Describe the history of the issues or concerns including relevant context and timelines:**

In 2017, the Utah State Legislature passed [S.B. 220](#) which defined Utah’s Accountability System. In Spring 2021, USBE was tasked with redesigning Utah’s accountability system to be more aligned with Utah’s [Portrait of a Graduate](#) (POG) and the [Personalized, Competency-Based Learning \(PCBL\) Framework](#). The purpose of this work has been to expand indicators to incorporate POG and PCBL competencies and to create a transparent and actionable accountability system.

Through the RFP process, the Center for Assessment in partnership with Knowledgeworks was selected to facilitate the accountability redesign. As part of the

scope of work, Executive and Advisory committees were established, and four stakeholder feedback sessions were planned to gather public input. An executive capstone report will be provided to the legislature with a summary of the work that has been accomplished and shall contain policy recommendations for the legislature to consider during the 2023 legislative session to inform changes to the existing school accountability system in Utah.

**4. What are the suggested legislative solutions? Include code references and suggested language where possible:**

It is anticipated that the Executive Report, which is scheduled to be completed and presented to the Board in October 2022, will contain detailed recommendations for legislative action for the Board and the Utah Legislature to consider.

**5. What data needs to be collected to support this potential legislation? Include whether this data is currently collected and available:**

The Executive Report or work product of the Executive and Advisory Committees will include applicable data.