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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bryan Bowles, State Charter School Board Chair

FROM: Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations

CC: James Moss, Board Chair
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DATE: June 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Summit Academy Consolidation

Utah State Board of Education (USBE) Financial Operations staff support the consolidation of Summit Academy and Summit Academy High School, effective July 1, 2023. This is not an official Utah State Board of Education position or approval of the consolidation.

After careful review and consideration of the proposed consolidation, USBE staff have determined that the consolidation is in the best interest of students, teachers, and administrators and we see the potential for reduced operational costs by consolidating the two schools. USBE staff reviewed documentation provided by the schools and determined that the schools have demonstrated a thoughtful, well-planned, and beneficial approach to the consolidation.

USBE staff are confident in the ability to successfully consolidate the schools in existing USBE systems including, but not limited to, Utah Grants, CACTUS, and UTREx. The charter school will have to ensure continued adherence to applicable Utah Codes and USBE rules. We look forward to continued collaboration with State Charter School Board (SCSB) and Summit Academy to successfully complete the consolidation.

Thank you for your and the SCSB members' attention to this matter. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. USBE staff will fully assist with this process and within our understanding of applicable codes and USBE rules.