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# 2019 Legislative Priorities



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“The Legislature shall make laws for the establishment and maintenance of public schools, which shall be open to all children of the State..” (Article 10, Utah Constitution).

## **Continue Fundamental Obligations and Commitments (\$35 Million)**

- Fully fund student enrollment growth including line item categories (Estimated \$35 million)



## **From Ongoing Current Education Fund Revenues (\$176 Million)**

### **From Ongoing Current Education Fund Revenues:**

- 5.5% WPU increase to maintain current levels of services; attract, develop and retain quality educators, and to support ongoing local improvement initiatives. (\$170.5 million)
- \$5 million/year, as part of the 2nd year in a 5 year plan, to attain 85% state support for to and from transportation costs as provided in statute (\$5 million)
- \$500,000/year, as part of the 2nd year in a 5 year plan to increase Necessarily Existent Small Schools (NESS) funding to provide greater equity in educational opportunity (\$500,000)

## **Support Student and School Safety (\$95 million)**

- \$30 million dollars ongoing funds for enhanced student and school safety, including behavioral interventions, mental health supports, school nurses, and security personnel
- Allocate \$65 million in one-time funds for school building upgrades and technology innovations that improve student safety based on local needs and best practices

## **Enact Policy Requests**

- In the interest of accountability and transparency and the need to examine student academic growth and performance, students receiving the benefit of state-funded education should participate in state created end-of-year assessments, and educators should be allowed to encourage and motivate students to do their best on the state exams
- Support legislation that allows local school boards to distribute and retain accountability for Teacher and Student Success Account (TSSA) funds
- Restore the ability for local taxing entities to impose impact fees on behalf of public schools

