

2014 Legislative Priorities - FINAL

Adopted by the Delegate Assembly

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A. Legislative Obligations

- 1. Fully Fund Enrollment Growth**, estimated to be 13,000, which also includes a percentage of new funding (representing the percentage of new enrollment growth) to the following programs and services so as to continue current services to children (not necessarily in priority order):

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| a. Administrative Costs | l. Flexible Allocation – WPU Distribution |
| b. Adult Education | m. Guarantee Transportation Levy |
| c. Board and Local Levy Program | n. K-3 Reading Improvement Program |
| d. Career and Technical Education | o. Library Resources |
| e. Class Size Reduction | p. Matching Funds for School Nurses |
| f. Concurrent Enrollment | q. Necessarily Existent Small Schools |
| g. Dual Language Immersion | r. Professional Staff Costs |
| h. Early Intervention | s. Special Education |
| i. Educator Salary Adjustments | t. Teacher Supplies |
| j. Enhancement for Accelerated Students | u. Transportation (To and From) |
| k. Enhancement for Students At-Risk | v. Youth in Custody |

- 2. Fully fund Utah Retirement Systems (URS) rate increase as a line item appropriation.**

B. Requests for Additional Funding

- 1. Increase the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU)** to keep pace with comparable salaries and health benefits, instructional materials, software, computers, infrastructure, and student learning needs.
- 2. Fund Strategically Targeted Professional Development** for Utah Core standards, computer-adaptive testing, school grading, educator evaluation, Prosperity 2020 priorities, and effective instructional strategies in STEM.
- 3. One-time strategic investments**
 - a. Transportation: purchase buses and alternative fuel vehicles (tied to Air Quality legislation)
 - b. Capital Foundation
 - c. Technology