

2015 USBA/USSA/UASBO Legislative Priorities

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A. Legislative Obligations

1. **Fully Fund Enrollment Growth**, for all new students, 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. *(Programs are listed alphabetically and are not in priority order.)*

- Administrative Costs
- Adult Education
- Board and Voted Local Levy Program
- Career and Technical Education
- Class Size Reduction
- Concurrent Enrollment
- Dual Language Immersion
- Early Intervention
- Educator Salary Adjustments
- Enhancement for Accelerated Students
- Enhancement for Students At-Risk
- Flexible Allocation – WPU Distribution
- Guarantee Transportation Levy
- K-3 Reading Improvement Program
- Library Resources
- Matching Funds for School Nurses
- Necessarily Existent Small Schools
- Professional Staff Costs
- Special Education
- Teacher Supplies
- Transportation (To and From)
- Youth in Custody

Note: State local replacement of property taxes and administrative costs for charter schools are also affected by enrollment growth.

2. **Fully fund Utah Retirement Systems (URS) rate increase.**

B. Requests for Additional Funding

1. **Increase the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU)** to keep pace with student learning needs and increase instructional materials, software, computers, infrastructure, and competitive salaries and benefits for employees.
2. **Fund District-Directed, Strategically Targeted Professional Development**, for Utah Core standards, college and career readiness, computer-adaptive testing, school grading, educator evaluation, Prosperity 2020 priorities, and effective instructional strategies in STEM, without sacrificing student instructional days.
3. **Fund technology with ongoing funding** to enhance teaching and learning and provide for professional development, support personnel, infrastructure and ongoing replacement funds for computers and devices.
4. **One-time strategic investments**
 - a. Transportation: purchase buses and alternative fuel vehicles (tied to Air Quality legislation)
 - b. Capital Foundation Program
 - c. Other investments consistent with priorities