

JLC Three Year Legislative Priorities



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The Joint Legislative Committee of the Utah School Boards Association and Utah School Superintendents Association believes that by working together every student can achieve academically, socially, and emotionally as guided by Utah's Portrait of a Graduate. We must continue to invest in quality educators, student supports, schools, and policies supportive of education. The JLC values the support we have received from our legislative partners and looks forward to working together to reach our vision for Utah students.



- A 5% WPU increase in addition to the provisions of HB357 each year to attract educators and support staff
- Expand programs to recruit, support, and retain teachers as they enter the profession
- Support the continued development of educator career pathway programs

- Invest in early childhood learning
- Increase social, emotional, and mental health supports for students
- Provide additional funding and support for students with disabilities
- Support extended learning opportunities



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Schools

- **\$5M** a year to attain 85% state support for to and from transportation costs as provided in statute
- **\$500,000** per year to increase Necessarily Existent Small Schools (NESS) funding
- **\$250M** in one-time funds to support increased **capital costs**
- Provide **\$50M** in funding to reduce the cost of **curricular fees**

- We **support** local governance by elected non-partisan school boards
- We **support** school accountability and are prepared to work cooperatively with legislators to repeal school grading legislation
- We **support** restoring the ability for local taxing entities to impose impact fees on behalf of public schools
- We **support** modifying the calculation of the certified tax rate to include an automatic inflation adjustment
- We **support** prioritizing one-time funding for improved access to digital instruction
- We **oppose** all efforts that move public education funds to private interests through vouchers, tax credits, and/or other means



Policy

“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)