

2025 JOINT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Public schools fulfill a vital purpose in the education and preparation of informed and responsible citizens who:

- 1. Fully understand and lawfully exercise their individual rights and liberties'***
- 2. Become self-reliant and able to provide for themselves and their families; and***
- 3. Contribute to the public good and the health, welfare, and security of the state and nation.***
(Utah Code, Public Education System, 53E-2-201)

The Utah School Boards Association, the Utah School Superintendents Association, and the Utah Association of School Business Officials are dedicated to working collaboratively with the Utah State Legislature to ensure that each student is prepared for college, career, and life. An educated citizenry will further the position of Utah as a state leader in the nation.



UTAH AS AN EDUCATIONAL LEADER

- Education Working Group – Establish an education working group that enables legislative leaders and K-12 public education leaders to work together to solve issues facing education.
- Create an educational funding framework to increase the Minimum School Program above growth & inflation.



SUPPORT EACH STUDENT

- A minimum of three percent (3%) increase above inflation and growth in the WPU to provide LEAs the flexibility to address the unique learning needs of each student.
- Increase the targeted funding for at-risk students to better provide resources to meet their needs. (R277-708-2)



POLICY & PROCESS

- Economic Stabilization Account – Establish and implement a plan for the Economic Stabilization Account that allocates a minimum of 85% of available funds to go directly to LEAs to support educator-directed hours, small school building funds, school safety, and capital needs.
- Tier II Retirement – Allow an LEA to pay all or part of the required member contribution for retirement, which exceeds the contribution cap, on behalf of the participating Tier II Hybrid employees.

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