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Dear Friends:

As the school year winds down, the Utah State Board of Education expresses appreciation to the students, families, and educators who help move the public education system toward excellence each day. We are grateful for your service and passion and especially want to thank teachers as May 8-12 is National Teacher Appreciation Week.

In our May meeting, we began amending, creating, and repealing rules due to 2017 legislative changes to statute. Those reviewed so far are summarized in this newsletter.

We meet on June 1-2 and invite the public to join us at 250 East 500 South.

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USBE May 4-5 Meeting Highlights

To view more information on board action, visit our official meeting summary at: www.schools.utah.gov/board/Meetings/Summary.aspx

Board OKs Removing Language Prohibiting Homosexual Advocacy in Health Classes

The Utah State Board of Education approved a change to Administrative Rule [R277-474-3 School Instruction and Human Sexuality - General Provisions](#) that removes language prohibiting the advocacy of homosexuality in Utah public schools. The change is in accordance with a change in Utah [state statute](#).

Middle School Course Options Under Consideration

The Utah State Board of Education is considering adding additional flexibility to junior high/middle school course requirements. The Board specifically asked staff to look at the options in [column three of this document](#) and report back to the Board in June with potential changes to Administrative Rule [R277-700 The Elementary and Secondary School General Core](#).

Board Postpones Decision on Aspire Information System

The Utah State Board of Education postponed a [decision](#) on the future of the Board's [Aspire](#) student information system until they receive an opinion on the system from the State Attorney General's Office.

RULE CHANGES

More information about rules can be found : <http://schools.utah.gov/law/Administrative-Rules/USBE/2017/MayBoardAgenda.aspx>

The following are being created due to new state statute:

- [R277-122](#) Board of Education Procurement, due to [SB127](#).
- [R277-753](#) Local Education Agency Reporting Requirements for Section 504 Students, due to [SB61](#).
- [R277-609-4](#) Standards for Local Education Agency Discipline Plans and Emergency Safety Interventions - Local Education Agency Responsibilities to Develop Plans, due to [HB92](#).
- [R277-533](#) District Educator Evaluation Systems, due to [HB231](#).
- [R277-531](#) Public Educator Evaluation Requirements (PEER), due to [HB231](#).

The following rules are being amended due to recent changes in Utah statute:

- [R277-484](#) Data Standards.
- [R277-923](#) American Indian and Alaskan Native Education State Plan Pilot Programs, due to [HB43](#).
- [R277-493](#) Enhanced Kindergarten TANF Grant Program, due to [HB168](#).

The following are being amended for technical changes:

- [R277-479](#) Charter School Special Education Student Funding Formula.
- [R277-485](#) Loss of Enrollment.
- [R277-488](#) Critical Languages Program.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 1-2

Committee meetings, study session, and full board meeting

July 13-14

Committee meetings, study session, and full board meeting

RULE CHANGES (cont.)

- [R277-735](#) Corrections Education Programs. This rule is being amended for significant definition and procedural changes.
- [R277-733](#) Adult Education Programs. This rule is being amended for substantial definitional and procedural changes.
- [R277-911](#) Secondary Career and Technical Education. This rule is being amended to alter the definition of "work-based learning."
- [R277-460](#) Distribution of Substance Abuse Prevention Account. This rule is being amended to deal with increased program needs.
- [R277-489](#) Early Intervention Program. This rule is being amended to mandate districts and charter schools use a common kindergarten assessment tool. The Board also directed staff to remove a section on social and emotional learning skill observation from being reported in the Board's Data Gateway.
- [R277-410](#) Accreditation of Schools. This rule is being amended to remove references to specific accrediting bodies and make technical changes.
- [R277-520](#) Appropriate Licensing and Assignment of Teachers. This rule is being updated in light of new rule [R277-514](#) and to provide technical changes.
- [R277-618](#) Educator Peer Assistance and Review Pilot Program. This rule is being repealed after the Utah Legislature declined to fund the program beyond the current school year.
- [R277-408](#) Grants for Online Testing. This rule is being repealed because the program is being phased out.
- [R277-103](#) Utah State Board of Education Government Records and Management Act. This rule is being repealed because it is repetitive of [existing state statute](#).
- [R277-467](#) Distribution of Funds Appropriated for Library Media Materials and Electronic Resources. This rule is being repealed because it is repetitive of existing state statutes.
- [R277-514](#) Deaf Education in Public Schools. This rule is being created to provide provisions for a new deaf educator license.
- [R277-720](#) Child Nutrition Programs. This rule is being repealed since its provisions are already handled in state and federal statute.
- [R277-120](#) Licensing of Material Developed with Public Education Funds. This is a new rule regarding licensing materials that are developed with public education funds.
- [R277-111](#) Sharing of Curriculum Materials by Public School Educators. This rule is being repealed in light of the creation of [R277-120](#).
- [R277-115](#) Material Developed with State Public Education Funds. This rule is being repealed in light of the creation of [R277-120](#).
- [R277-487](#) Public School Data Confidentiality and Disclosure. The Board gave preliminary approval to [Revision 1](#) of this rule which is needed because of recent changes in state statute. The Board also approved an [internal policy](#) on data governance.
- [R277-101](#) Utah State Board of Education Procedures. This rule is being amended to make the rule specific to public participation in Board meetings.
- [R277-121](#) Board Waiver of Administrative Rules. This rule is being created to provide one rule with provisions that specifically apply to Board waiver of administrative rules.