

# OUR SCHOOLS NOW!

## OUR KIDS' FUTURE

The most important investment Utahns can make is to provide our children with a high-quality education. Today's economy requires more highly educated, highly trained, and highly skilled workers than ever. Utah must commit to making a significant and ongoing investment in education, or face the loss of a truly prosperous future.

### The Initiative

Our Schools Now is an initiative to give Utah voters the opportunity to participate in the critical questions of how we are to invest in the continued improvement of our schools. The initiative would allow Utahns to vote on a ballot measure in November, 2018 to increase Utah's investment in education to improve student achievement.

- Our Schools Now proposes a .45 percent increase in the state income tax and a .45 percent increase in the state sales tax.
- 100% of the revenue generated would be allocated directly to Utah schools.
- Funds would be distributed among public education, higher education and technical colleges, based on student enrollment.
- The investment would generate \$715 million each year — approximately \$1000 per fulltime Utah resident student. For example, a school with 400 students would receive approximately \$400,000, annually.
- Schools would develop plans at the local level, approved by the local school board, and monitored annually to ensure improved educational performance.

### Benefits to Utah Voters

- **Funds innovative strategies to improve education.** The initiative focuses on improving student performance, school by school, by giving teachers the tools and resources they need to be successful.
  - **Provides local autonomy and flexibility.** School districts, charter schools, and higher education institutions maintain flexibility to develop educational strategies that address local needs and will improve student achievement.
  - **Strengthens Utah's workforce.** By improving student achievement, Utah students will receive the critical skills necessary for successful opportunities in the ever-competitive global economy.
  - **Supported by most Utah voters.** 89 percent of Utah registered voters believe education is underfunded in the state, and polls show a majority of voters support the Our Schools Now proposal.
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### Understanding the Teacher and Student Success Act

Our Schools Now proposes the *Teacher and Student Success Act*, which would significantly invest in education in order to improve student achievement and strengthen Utah's workforce.

#### New Funding Sources for Education

Source of funding for Income and Sales Tax Growth Account

Sales tax increase (.45%)

- 4.70% is the current state sales tax rate
- 5.15% beginning April 1, 2019

Increasing the sales tax by .45 generates \$250 million for fiscal year 2020.

Income tax increase (.45%)

- 5.00% is the current state income tax rate
- 5.45% beginning January 1, 2019

Increasing the income tax by .45 generates \$465 million for fiscal year 2020.

#### New funds will be distributed on a per-student basis:

- 85 percent of the funding shall be directed towards K-12 Education (\$607.7 million in FY20)
- 15 percent of the funding shall be directed towards post-secondary education
  - 90 percent of this funding shall be allocated to schools in the Utah System of Higher Education (\$96.5 million in FY20 estimates)
  - 10 percent of this funding shall be allocated to schools in the Utah System of Technical Colleges (\$10.7 million in FY20 estimates)

#### Teacher and Student Success Program (for K-12)

- All funds will be allocated from the restricted account to schools for their use in improving teacher and student success.
- Each local district will create a framework for each school to use in preparing a Teacher and Student Success Plan (TSSP)
- A school principal, in collaboration with stakeholders, is responsible for submitting the Teacher and Student Success Plan to the local district for approval
- Schools that do not demonstrate improvement will collaborate with the local district to ensure funds are being invested appropriately.

- Each school shall post and publish their Teacher and Student Success Plan and associated expenditures, as well as performance outcomes.

Teacher and Student Success Plan's may use performance money for:

Educator compensation; professional development; additional educators or school support professionals including counselors, social workers, mental health workers, tutors and specialists; technology or software; before or after school programs; summer school programs; community support programs or partnerships; early childhood education; class size reduction; to augment existing programs; or any other purpose reasonably designed to improve student performance and approved by the local board.

**Performance Funding Restricted Account (Post-secondary education)**

- USHE and USTC institutions will receive funding based on meeting performance improvement expectations.

Performance Funding Restricted Account funding may be used to increase:

Degrees and certificates granted; services provided to traditionally underserved populations; responsiveness to workforce needs; graduation efficiency; and graduate research

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## K-12 Education Funding in Utah the Past 20 Years

K-12 education funding effort decreased from 1995 to 2015:

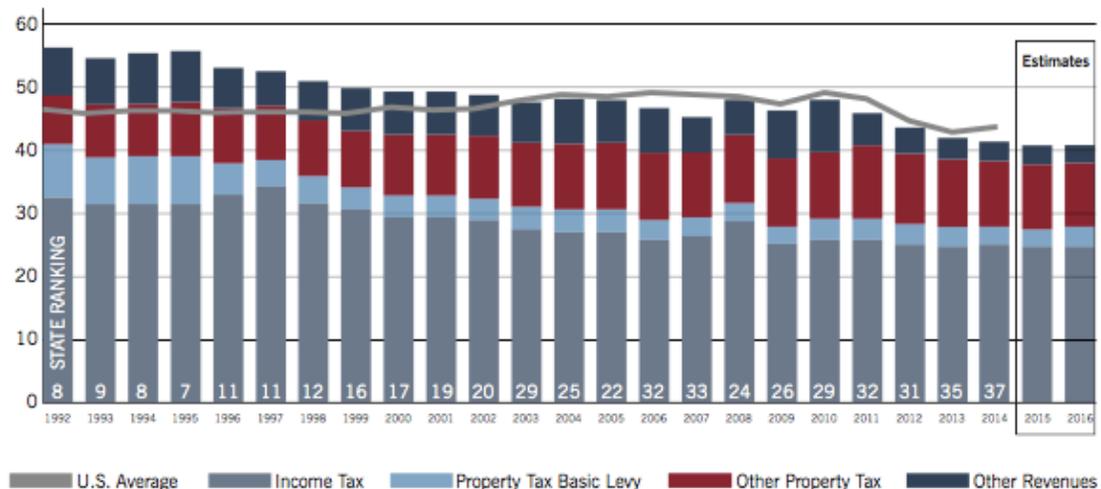
- Utah's overall effort decreased from the 7<sup>th</sup> highest in the nation to the 37<sup>th</sup>.
- The 28.7% reduction in effort from state funds over this time equates to a reduction in public education revenue of \$1.2 billion annually.

OVER THE LAST TWENTY YEARS,  
EDUCATION FUNDING IN UTAH  
HAS CONSIDERABLY DECLINED:

SINCE 1997, PUBLIC EDUCATION  
FUNDING HAS DECREASED  
**\$1.2 BILLION**  
EACH YEAR

### UTAH'S PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING EFFORT

Education Revenues per \$1,000 of Personal Income



Source: Utah Foundation

Per-pupil spending:

- Utah is last in the nation, followed by Idaho. Utah spends \$6,575 per student each year, while the national average is approximately \$11,392 per student each year.
- Increasing per-pupil spending by approximately \$1000 (as proposed by Our Schools Now) would move Utah from 51<sup>st</sup> in the U.S. to 49<sup>th</sup>.

Recent funding for public education:

- Over the last 5 years, an average of \$110 million has been added to K-12 each year. After factoring inflation and enrollment increases, that leaves \$22 million– or \$35 per student. Limited funding prevents the implementation of proven programs to improve student achievement.

# \$715 Million Allocated to Public & Higher Education

## Utah System of Higher Education – School Year 2015-2016

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>OSN Allocation</u>	
University of Utah	29,212	\$28,292,000	
Utah State University	21,399	\$19,655,700	
Weber State University	14,396	\$10,390,700	
Southern Utah University	6,829	\$4,861,400	
Snow College	3,636	\$2,778,100	
Dixie State University	6,011	\$4,354,400	
Utah Valley University	21,535	\$14,578,400	
Salt Lake Community College	15,673	\$11,613,600	
<b>Total</b>	<b>118,691</b>		
<b>OSN Allocation</b>		<b>\$96,525,000</b>	13.50%

## Utah System of Technical Colleges – Fiscal Year 2016

	<u>FY16 FTE</u>	<u>OSN Allocation</u>	
Bridgerland ATC	1,180	\$1,849,687	
Davis ATC	1,613	\$2,352,843	
Dixie ATC	422	\$628,051	
Mountainland ATC	1,194	\$1,716,937	
Ogden-Weber ATC	1,318	\$2,089,240	
Southwest ATC	249	\$506,888	
Tooele ATC	165	\$366,534	
Uintah Basin ATC	596	\$989,821	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,737</b>		
<b>OSN Allocation</b>		<b>\$10,500,000</b>	1.50%

# \$715 Million Allocated to Public & Higher Education

Utah State Board of Education – School Year 2015-2016		
District	K-12 ADM	
Alpine District	75,000	\$70,720,000
Beaver District	1,500	\$1,870,000
Box Elder District	11,200	\$11,020,000
Cache District	16,800	\$16,350,000
Canyons District	33,800	\$31,100,000
Carbon District	3,300	\$3,550,000
Daggett District	174	\$470,000
Davis District	69,600	\$65,100,000
Duchesne District	5,000	\$5,410,000
Emery District	2,200	\$2,710,000
Garfield District	900	\$1,620,000
Grand District	1,400	\$1,590,000
Granite District	66,800	\$62,110,000
Iron District	8,900	\$8,940,000
Jordan District	52,400	\$48,720,000
Juab District	2,400	\$2,420,000
Kane District	1,200	\$1,910,000
Logan City District	5,900	\$5,510,000
Millard District	2,700	\$3,200,000
Morgan District	2,800	\$2,730,000
Murray District	6,500	\$6,000,000
Nebo District	31,800	\$30,750,000
North Sanpete District	2,300	\$2,320,000
North Summit District	1,000	\$1,310,000
Ogden City District	12,000	\$11,220,000
Park City District	4,700	\$4,370,000
Piute District	285	\$640,000
Provo District	16,800	\$16,180,000
Rich District	482	\$870,000
Salt Lake District	23,400	\$22,130,000
San Juan District	2,900	\$3,660,000
Sevier District	4,500	\$4,880,000
South Sanpete District	3,100	\$3,480,000
South Summit District	1,500	\$1,670,000
Tintic District	254	\$600,000
Tooele District	13,900	\$14,020,000
Uintah District	7,100	\$6,950,000
Wasatch District	6,300	\$6,230,000
Washington District	28,100	\$27,900,000
Wayne District	467	\$860,000
Weber District	31,000	\$30,320,000
Charter School Subtotal	65,900	\$64,210,000
Utah Schools For Deaf & Blind	221	\$160,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>628,882</b>	
<b>OSN Allocation</b>		<b>\$607,750,000</b>
<b>Per Student Share</b>		<b>\$966</b>

85.00%

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