

## **Changes to School Land Trust Organization**

School Land Trust funding is generated from the use of state school sections in Utah and are distributed to school community councils to use in their school improvement plans, which must be tied to student academic gains. In the 2018 legislative session, HB 404, sponsored by Representative Last and Senator Hinkins, removes the oversight of the State School Land Trust Commission from the Utah State Office of Education and creates a Land Trust Protection and Advocacy Office with oversight by the state treasurer, to protect the interest of the current and future school and institutional land beneficiaries. HB 404 also requires the Land Trusts Protection and Advisory Committee to appoint an advisory office director to oversee the activities of the funds, which will be independent from the Utah State Board of Education's oversight. In the Kane School District, school community councils will continue to operate as they have in the past with oversight from a newly formed commission. Schools will be holding their School Community Council election this spring, if you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact your local building principals for additional information.

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