

2018 Utah Legislative Session

With the 2018 Utah Legislature in session, public education continues to be at the forefront of many bills and political conversations, which include possibly funding additional pay raises for teachers. During the Utah House of Representative caucus meeting they discussed a \$2,000 across the board pay increase for teachers. Some of the legislative conversations suggest giving new teachers a larger increase to try and improve beginning teacher retention. [HB233](#) sponsored by Rep. Val Potter would increase the annual salary supplement for an eligible teacher who is assigned to teach full time would be eligible for a \$4,000 increase followed by an increasing scale for each year of successful teaching, beginning with \$1,000 increase the first year, \$2,000 the second year, and continuing progresses to a \$6,000 increase following six years of teaching. Under HB233, districts would be required to provide 50% of matching funding from local tax money to meet the salary increases. Representative Brad Last R-Hurricane, who is on the Executive Appropriations Committee said many of the issues are influx as the committee considers HB233. We will continue to monitor and provide input to legislators on the many educational bills currently being considered in the Utah legislature.

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