

Teacher and Student Success Act (SB149) Update

Utah Legislature recently passed [SB149](#), which creates a mechanism to send millions of dollars directly to Utah Schools to create student achievement plans that align with the framework of the local board of education. The program is titled Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) and outlines disbursement of an estimated \$100 million in funding for Utah schools. Schools will create the student achievement plans with input from parents and faculty, which will function similarly to the School Community Councils where the local school board will need to give final approval to access the funding. The TSSA funding is tied to a 1% increase each year on standardized tests, and if schools don't achieve the academic gains they must change their plans to meet the state's parameters. Schools can use at least 25 percent of the funding for personnel and up to 5 percent to retain school employees at the principal's discretion. Funding cannot be used for administrative or building improvements. Parents on the school community councils will be involved in the TSSA planning, so if you'd like to be part of the planning process, please contact your local building administrator for more information on the election process.

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