

Big Water School Exits Turnaround Program

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) recently announced that eighteen of the 26 schools in Utah exited the state's turnaround program after they earned an increase of at least one school letter grade. The Utah's School Turnaround and Leadership Development Act was passed by the Utah Legislature in 2015, and aimed to identify and provide outside resources to low-performing schools. The Kane School District recently received notification from the USBE that the Big Water School received a full letter grade increase over the prior year, and as a result, exited the turnaround program. As a point of information, the Big Water School is a K-8 school with a student enrollment of 61 students and multiple grades are taught in each classroom. I would like to thank Principal Andy Roundy, the faculty, staff, students, and parents in the Big Water School for all of their hard work and dedication to improve the school's academic performance. I would also like to thank the Utah Legislature for allocating additional funding to the Big Water School, which has helped in acquiring additional resources and professional development for the teachers. We are confident the school's academic success will continue in the future.

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