Utah Technology Initiative

Schools across the state of Utah have recently applied for an Education Technology Initiative grant which was made available to schools in the last legislative session, which will help schools fund software, hardware, and infrastructure relating to technology. The Utah Legislature committed $10 million ongoing and $5 million one-time to the technology initiative. Utah is one of the first states in the nation to fund and initiate a technology initiative of this magnitude. The amount of funding is based on the size of each school and will be available in 2017. For districts and charter schools to receive the funding, we had to complete an extensive grant application that was reviewed by a technology committee and eventually receive approval by the Utah State School Board. Approximately fifty-nine districts, schools, or charter schools completed the grant application, including Kane District. Last week Kane School District was notified that our Digital Teaching and Learning grant application had been approved by the Utah State School Board. With this approval, Kane School District will receive approximately $49,274 the first year and $38,370 the following two years for a total of $126,014 over the next three years. In the Kane District Teaching and Learning grant, we have budget for and ACT prep program ($30,000), additional Chromebooks for students ($54,414), upgrades to internet connectivity ($37,000), and Canvas licenses ($4,600). We would like thank our district technology director, Travis Terry for all of his time and efforts to complete the Kane Digital Teaching and Learning grant, which in turn provides additional resources to our students.

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