



# BOARD BRIEFS

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## District financial report receives top rating after external audit

Independent review commends district's financial accounting for '21-22 school year

Every school district in Utah publishes a complete report of financial statements and has an audit of its finances at the end of the fiscal year.

Davis School District submitted its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the 2021-22 school year to the Board of Education at the November 15 board workshop.

"I'm happy to report tonight that we are issuing an unmodified opinion, sometimes known as a clean opinion," announced Dave Brown of Squire & Company, the accounting firm which conducted the independent audit of district finances. "What that means is that, in our opinion, the financial statements (from Davis School District) are presented fairly in all material respects in accordance with generally

accepted accounting principles."

Additionally, the district was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by the Government Finance Officers Association for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award, recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports. This year marks the 38th consecutive year DSD has been recognized with this distinction.

The full report can be viewed at <https://www.davis.k12.ut.us/departments/accounting/davis-financial-reports>.

### Board honors police chiefs and school resource officers



The Board of Education extended recognition to DSD's school resource officers and city police chiefs for their partnership and collaboration to keep students and the community safe.

"I've yet to see an SRO who wasn't all in for students," said Superintendent Dan Linford. "The students who most need an adult can find someone who cares in an SRO."

### Board approves purchase of former IHC building

The Board of Education approved the purchase of the property located at 2195 University Park Boulevard, Layton, for the price of \$12.5 million. Formerly occupied by Intermountain Healthcare, the building is northwest of North Layton Junior High.

The funding comes from existing capital budgets. The district plans to use the building for office space, aiming to consolidate multiple, spread-out workspaces into a central location.

In other items of business:

- School board members could see an updated compensation package in the next year.

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## Department of Special Education serves 9,748 students through IEPs

The Board of Education heard an update from Director of Special Education Services Tiffany Midgley and her colleagues at the most recent board workshop.

Special Education is tasked with making sure every child in the district's boundaries is given the opportunity for a free and appropriate education through public schools. The services provided through special education can take many forms,

including providing supplemental aid and resources in general classes, special classes, special schools, home instruction and hospital settings.

"We appreciate everything you do," said Board Member Brigit Gerrard, addressing the special education faculty and staff members in the room. "The presentation was so helpful, eye-opening and informative. You all have hard jobs... Thank you for your hard work."

### DSD Special Education Overview

**9,748**

students with IEPs  
(Individualized Education Plans),

including **1,321**  
students in Special Programs

SpEd school support facilitators help with:

- Curriculum
- Behavior
- Inclusion/least restrictive environment
- Autism
- Brain injuries
- Compliance
- Staff training
- Assessment
- Private schools

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adult students attend  
Vista Education Campus

**At Vista, students:**

- Complete graduation requirements
- Learn independent living skills
- Gain vocational experience
- Work on communication and social skills

**SpEd offers nine related services to DSD students:**

- Speech Language Pathologists
- Teachers of the Visually Impaired
- Physical Therapists
- School Psychologists
- Teachers of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- Occupational Therapists
- Interpreters for the Deaf
- Audiologists
- Adapted PE Teachers

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Association recently conducted a survey of boards across the state and found Davis School District's board compensation was on the lower end of the list.

The district's finance committee has been working on a proposal to bring to the board. If approved, changes would be the first updates to board compensation in 28 years.

- Elementary Director Ruthanne Keller presented a proposed calendar for the '23-24 school year.

It was unanimously

approved by the board, which means the district's calendar committee will now solicit public comments.

An updated draft of the calendar will be presented at the Dec. 6 school board meeting.

- A motion passed to declare unused property in West Point City as surplus.

Originally intended as the site for a future junior high school, the property is no longer needed.

The site will be sold to West Point City for a sum of \$6.1 million.

### CDJH on stage



Central Davis High students performed original skits for the Board. Titled "McDonald's Mayhem" and "The Bug Drama," the skits were written, directed and performed by students in theatre classes.