

## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Salt Lake City Board of Education  
Dr. Elizabeth Grant, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Leeson Taylor, Ed. D., Executive Director  
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DATE: April 8, 2025

RE: Report on Use of Title I Funds, National Trends in Usage of Title I  
Funds and Family School Collaborations

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**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of national trends in the use of Title I funds, a summary of the survey conducted with Title I staff regarding resources they believe would enhance student outcomes and support teachers and staff, and a report on the current state of family-school collaborations across our schools.

**Requested Board Action:**

There is no requested board action at this time.

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# Title I Funding and Family School Collaborations

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# Purpose of the Report

- To provide an overview of how Title I funds are utilized nationally and to highlight additional resources that support Title I schools in improving educational outcomes.



# Title I Overview

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Title I, Part A of the ESEA (ESSA)

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Federal funding to support schools with high percentages of low-income students

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Goal: Ensure all students meet challenging state academic standards



## Primary Uses of Title I Funds



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Instructional Support & Academic Intervention

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Professional Development for Educators

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Family and Community Engagement

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Support for Special Populations



# Instructional Support & Academic Intervention

- Reading and math intervention programs
- Small-group tutoring and extended learning
- Evidence-based strategies showing improved outcomes

(U.S. Department of Education, 2022)



# Professional Development

- Research-based instructional strategies
- Trauma-informed education
- Enhanced teacher capacity and student engagement

(NCES, 2021)



# Family & Community Engagement

- Family workshops and literacy programs
- Events promoting school-home connections
- Increased academic performance and attendance

(Henderson & Mapp, 2002)





# Support for Special Populations

- Students with disabilities, ELLs, homeless students
- Tailored interventions and equitable access

(NEA, 2021)



# Additional Resources for Title I Schools

- School Improvement Grants (SIG)
- Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
- Partnerships with Organizations
- State and Local Grants
- Private Philanthropic Support



# School Improvement Grants (SIG)

- Federal funds for lowest-performing schools
- Used for comprehensive reform strategies
- Complement Title I efforts



# Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

- Free meals to all students in high-poverty schools
- Reduces administrative burden
- Improves student nutrition and academic readiness



# Organizational & Community Partnerships

- National & local partnerships (e.g., CIS)
- Mentoring, counseling, afterschool programs
- Financial and volunteer support



# State & Local Grants

- Support in literacy, STEM, SEL
  - Example: Local Control of Funding via Formulas
- Augment Title I impact with targeted resources



# Private & Philanthropic Support

- Foundations: Gates Foundation, DonorsChoose
- Grants for innovation, materials, and equity initiatives



# Challenges and Opportunities

- **\*\*Challenges:\*\***
  - Insufficient funding in high-poverty areas (Levin, 2019)
- **\*\*Opportunities:\*\***
  - Blended funding models
  - Holistic, student-centered strategies





# Conclusion

- Title I is crucial in supporting low-income students
- Additional resources strengthen school efforts
- Strategic partnerships and funding alignment drive success



## Title I Survey Summary





# Family-School Collaboration Overview

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## Overview

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Salt Lake City Schools continue to prioritize student and family support.

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Efforts focus on removing barriers, enhancing equity, and strengthening school-community collaboration.



# Basic Needs Assistance



FOOD PANTRIES



EMERGENCY GIFT CARDS



VOUCHERS FOR CLOTHING,  
FOOD, FURNITURE, ETC...



# Student and Family Support

High School Teen Centers

Bus Passes

Computers (via school IT)

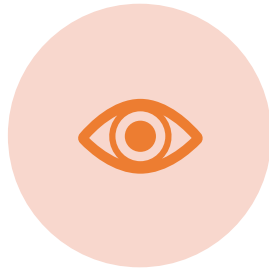
Internet Access (hotspot requests via IT)



# Health & Wellness Services



COMMUNITY  
LEARNING CENTERS  
AND CLINICS



VISION REFERRALS



DENTAL REFERRALS



WEST HIGH CLINIC





# Engagement Tools and Communication



SALT LAKE EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION APP



PEACHJAR – DIGITAL  
COMMUNICATION



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES  
WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



# Next Steps: Strengthening Collaboration



Encourage use of Foundation App for access to support resources



Schedule in-person meetings with support staff/stakeholders



Focus: Alignment, streamlined access, and improved communication



# Thank You for Your Support

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Your dedication and advocacy are key to supporting students and families.

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Together, we're building inclusive, responsive systems that reflect the values and mission of Salt Lake City School District.