

SCSB NEWSLETTER



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Dear Charter School Community,

On behalf of the entire State Charter School Board team, welcome back to school! From the blank canvas of a new notebook to the inviting allure of a fresh box of crayons...There's something just magical about the start of a school year. Even the air seems to be filled with dreams and possibilities.

One thing I love is that as educators and leaders, you are not just opening books; you are opening doors to new adventures and experiences that will shape each of your students' futures. As you seek to do that each day, remember that as your authorizer, our team is here to support you, to cheer you on, and to celebrate every milestone along the way.

Every school year brings its own unique challenges and opportunities. However, I am confident that in continuing to work together, we'll make this school year a memorable, successful, and knowledge-rich one, full of moments that remind us why we're all here.

Wishing you a year of joyous learning and growth.



Top News

SCSB Innovation Grants fund 20 schools to complete new programs in schools over the next 1-3 years.

LeveragED LaunchPad Cohort selected for professional learning series during upcoming school year

The Utah State Charter School Board Staff Updates

As we begin the new school year, the SCSB would like to update you on a few of the exciting things we have been working on over the summer. With a focus on supportive authorization, the staff have been working hard to plan for the upcoming year.





LaunchPad was created to bridge the gap between prospective school founders and school system decision-makers. We aim to address what NACSA (2019) found to be “inequitable access to the resources and support,” which can contribute to new school proposals being rejected at higher rates and a lack of ongoing support once schools open.

By fostering collaboration and demystifying the process, LaunchPad empowers a diverse range of aspiring school leaders to bring their visions to life.



The Utah cohort will include 4 members who will participate in a full year of professional learning. With online and in person events, this program promises to build leadership capacity and relationships.

August Board Meeting Update



The August Board meeting was a jam-packed two day event. The board reviewed seven new school proposals, offering four of them the option to submit full applications in November. The approved schools will submit applications for review and decision at the January board meeting.

The board also approved five school expansions for the 25-26 school year. These schools have been authorized to add anywhere from 50-100 additional students, or an additional grade level. The variety of educational models, delivery format, and ages served is outstanding.

We are excited to see the growth of our charter schools in Utah. Charters offer high quality instruction and choice for families.



Save The Date

SCSB Board Meeting
September 12, 2024

Monthly Meeting Updates



Changes to Charter Directors Monthly Meetings

Charter School Directors, brace yourselves for an exciting update that's set to elevate your Charter Directors Monthly Meetings! As we dive into the School Year 2024-2025, we're bringing you a fresh, innovative way to stay in the loop.

Introducing Monthly Video Updates!

- **Convenience is Key:** Forget about rearranging your calendar for live meetings. Our new monthly videos will land in your inbox during the first week of each month, ready for you to watch at your leisure.
- **Precision Messaging:** Our presenters are fine-tuning their segments to deliver information that's not just important, but also crystal clear and exactly how they want it presented.
- **Time-Saving:** We're cutting out the wait times of live meetings, giving you more moments to inspire and lead in your charter community.

Special Sessions When It Matters Most:

For essential updates, like Legislative Updates, we'll schedule an in-person meeting (with streaming option) to ensure you're fully informed.

Mark Your Calendars:

The first of these innovative video updates will make its debut in the first week of September. It's the beginning of a new era of communication, and you're at the forefront of it all. Get set for a year of flexibility, clarity, and efficiency. We can't wait to kickstart this journey with you!

Warm regards, The SCSB Team.