

SCSB NEWSLETTER



November 2024



Dear Charter School Leaders and Educators,

As we approach this season of reflection and gratitude, the leadership team of the State Charter School Board wants to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for each of you and the incredible work you do.

Your commitment to innovation, equity, and excellence in education continues to inspire us. You create vibrant learning environments where students can thrive, dream big, and reach their fullest potential. Whether through your innovative approaches to teaching or your tireless dedication to meeting each student's unique needs, you embody the spirit of charter schools. We recognize that this work is not without its challenges. Yet, through every obstacle, your resilience and passion shine. The positive impact you have on the lives of Utah's children and their families is immeasurable, and we are so grateful for your partnership in this important mission.

As we move through this special time of year, we encourage you to pause and celebrate the incredible difference you are making in your communities. Please know that we stand with you, ready to support and champion the work you do every day.

With deepest gratitude,
Utah State Charter School Board



SCSB Innovation Updates



American Leadership Academy



Channing Hall

Innovation grant recipients have been working hard to implement their programs and projects. For this cycle of grants, the SCSB will award funding to 24 schools to implement programs and projects. As you can see from the photos included, the projects are varied and incorporate learning in many different ways.

The SCSB encourages all schools to submit their innovative successes to the Charter Insights page where they can be shared with the greater community. <https://ucap.schools.utah.gov/CharterInsights/CharterInsights>



Merit College Preparatory Academy



John Hancock Charter School



Itineris Early College High School



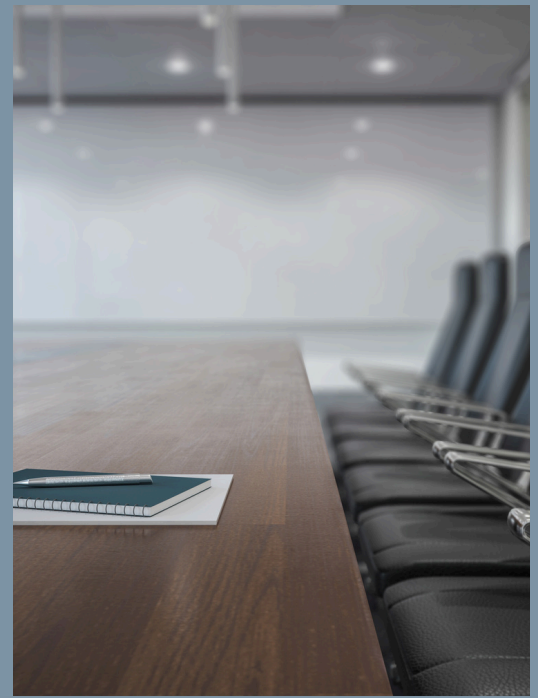
Ascent Academies of Utah



November Board Meeting Update

During the Executive Report, Dr. Kremer shared that Utah charter schools saw a 3.22% increase in enrollment for school year 2024. Utah K-12 schools as a whole showed declining enrollments of 0.7%. Along with this growth, SCSB schools are working hard to update charter agreements, applying for new satellite campuses and working on school expansions. It is exciting to see our schools growing and meeting the needs of their communities.

Also in the November meeting, information was shared about the upcoming “25 in 2025” celebration. The staff is working hard to make this a memorable evening. Along with the event, an Innovation Report will be shared and the work of our schools highlighted. It is exciting to look at where charter schools started, where we are now, and where we are headed in the future. We look forward to connecting with stakeholders and celebrating charter schools in Utah.



Next SCSB Board Meeting
December 12, 2024



Charter Director Monthly Meeting Updates



Dear Charter Directors, Happy November!

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance Utah charter's skills and knowledge, we are pleased to share with you the training videos for this month. You can access the training videos through the following links:

1. [Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Program](#) (both for current participants and those not in the BTS program)

- [BTS Arts Program Slides](#)
- [Letter from BTS Arts Program](#)

2. [STEM EIP Presentation](#) (Passcode: NqhJ+!69)

3. [School LAND Trust program](#)

- [School LAND Trust Slides](#)

4. The Utah System of Higher Education New Website

- [AdmitUtah.org](#)

Please take time to watch these videos at your convenience. If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to reach out to the presenters.

Thank you for all you do!

The Utah State Charter School Board

Establishing A Vision for Early Literacy Reflection Tool from EdConnective



You likely have an idea of your values, but have you taken the time to reflect on how they impact your practice related to coaching? Our experience working with 100+ leaders in Utah – and hundreds more across the country – has shown us that scripting out an intentional vision for literacy coaching is the first step to grounding processes and outcomes in student success, which translates into more investment and satisfaction among staff.

Want a simple starting point for articulating your values and establishing a vision for literacy coaching? Check out the worksheet [linked here!](#)

If you, or a fellow literacy leader in your LEA, wants to finish out the semester with a professional learning consultant from EdConnective for support with this or any other goals related to Science of Reading, you still have time! Don't miss your final opportunity to sign up for the year – just complete the [matching survey here.](#)

As a reminder, this support is completely individualized and customizable to your schedule and goals. It's also completely free to you, fully covered by USBE in support of literacy initiatives for SB127.