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Office of the State Auditor Releases Audit of The Utah State Board of Education Dual Language Immersion Program Review focuses on USBE's fiscal accountability for the federal grants awarded for language immersion education

Salt Lake City, UTAH -

The Office of the State Auditor (Office) today released its Audit of The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program focusing on federal grants received for language immersion education. The audit includes the following 6 findings:

- 1. USBE Mismanaged Federal Funds
- 2. USBE Failed to Provide Adequate Monitoring of DLI Program Activities
- 3. Improper Compensation to DLI Program Manager
- 4. Weaknesses Related to DLI Directors
- 5. Unallowable Costs and Inadequate Documentation
- 6. School Staff Improperly Paid with Federal Program Funds

The report may be found on the Office's website, <u>auditor.utah.gov</u>. The Report is available specifically at

 $\underline{http://financial reports.utah.gov/saoreports/2017/OOE-17-SP2Dual Language Immersion Education, Office of.pdf}\ .$

About the Office of the State Auditor

The Office of the State Auditor provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operation, statutory compliance, and performance management for state and local government.

Specific activities of the Office include performing financial audits, conducting Federal funds compliance audits, providing local government oversight, conducting agency and program performance audits, performing fraud and compliance audits, and operating the State Auditor Hotline for citizens to report suspected financial issues or improprieties. These capabilities strengthen Utah State Government and help taxpayers have confidence in the integrity of Utah's government agencies.

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