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Office of the State Auditor Releases Three Audits of Public Education Programs

Salt Lake City, UTAH –

The Office of the State Auditor (Office) today released three audits of public education programs. The Office released a Performance Audit of Local Education Agency (LEA) Compliance with Procurement Requirements, its annual audit of the Minimum School Program (MSP), and its annual audit of the UPSTART Program.

The Office appreciates the willingness of the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) to continue to improve their efforts to provide appropriate oversight of the system of public education. The Utah Constitution vests the USBE with “general control and supervision of the public education system.”

The USBE functions as a regulator of LEAs and has fiduciary responsibility as a grant administrator. The complexities of the system of public education create increased challenges associated with adequate USBE oversight.

The Office appreciates the recognition and willingness of the State Charter School Board to improve its oversight of charter schools and to ensure their compliance with the contractual obligation contained within their charters.

The reports may be found on the Office’s website, auditor.utah.gov, and specifically at

Performance Audit of Local Education Agency (LEA) Compliance with Procurement Requirements
<https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=015410000033FD2AAM> ,

Minimum School Program (MSP)
<https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=015410000033FCiAAM> ,

and

UPSTART Program
<https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=015410000033FCsAAM> .

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.

The State Auditor is a Constitutional Officer of the State of Utah, elected directly by the state's citizens every four years. The role of the State Auditor is authorized in Article VII, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution. For more information, see auditor.utah.gov.

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