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## **Four Utah Schools Receive Federal School Improvement Grants**

SALT LAKE CITY – The U.S. Department of Education announced on March 25 that Utah has been awarded an additional \$2.6 million in Title I School Improvement Grants (SIG) to turn around more of the state’s persistently lowest achieving schools. The new \$2.6 million will be combined with the \$3.5 million from last year’s Title I SIG funds provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which the state was required to carry forward to this school year. The districts that are receiving Title I SIG awards prepared the highest scoring proposals in a voluntary application process. The total grant award will be \$6,175,000 to four school districts to be used over the next three school years (2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14).

Districts that receive the grants will use the funds to implement a school improvement plan that will include:

- replacing the principal (unless the principal has been assigned within the last two years to implement change);
- increase learning time for students;
- use an educator evaluation system that takes student growth data into account;
- provide additional teacher professional development;

- reward educators who increase student achievement; and
- replace teachers who, after receiving additional support, do not increase student achievement.

The following districts have been awarded the 2010 School Improvement Grant.

<b>Local Education Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>School to be served</b>	<b>School Improvement Grant Award</b>
Salt Lake School District	Horizonte Instruction and Training Center	\$2,200,000
San Juan School District	Tse'pii'nidzsigai Elementary (formerly Mexican Hat Elementary)	\$1,200,000
Tooele School District	Wendover High School	\$1,000,000
Uintah School District	Eagle View Elementary	\$1,775,000

The Utah State Office of Education has provided tentative approval for additional grants, depending on federal appropriations that are part of the continuing resolution negotiations currently before Congress. The additional Title I SIG funds originally planned for Utah over the next three years were approximately five million dollars. If Congress supports the funding for Title I school improvement, the following districts would also receive grants.

<b>Local Education Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>School to be served</b>	<b>Potential School Improvement Grant Award</b>
Davis School District	Fremont Elementary	\$1,200,000
Ogden School District	Washington High School Ogden High School	\$2,000,000
Salt Lake School District	Edison Elementary	\$1,500,000

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