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Utah State Board of Education Hosts Special Education Inclusion Symposium

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) recently hosted its second annual Special Education Inclusion Symposium on June 19th and 20th in Provo and June 24th and 25th in St. George.

The Inclusion Symposium is a two-day event providing local education agencies (LEAs) time to collaborate, create, and develop a plan (aligning with their current school plan) to increase meaningful inclusion for students with disabilities in the upcoming school year. LEA representatives, general education representatives, special education representatives, and other key stakeholders come together to evaluate their current strengths and areas where they would like to improve inclusive practices for students with disabilities using the meaningful inclusion self-measurement tool.

"Incorporating meaningful inclusion for students with disabilities in Utah's classrooms is a priority and we have a wonderful team dedicated to supporting this initiative," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sydnee Dickson. The 100 teams that participated will continue to receive support from USBE facilitators throughout the upcoming school year. This sustained guidance ensures that the seeds planted during the Symposium will blossom into lasting progress and accessibility.

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