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~~[R277-492. Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers (MOST) Program.~~

~~R277-492-1. Authority and Purpose.~~

~~—— (1) This rule is authorized by:~~

~~—— (a) Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board;~~

~~—— (b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which permits the Board to adopt rules to carry out its duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and~~

~~—— (c) Section 53F-2-505, which provides for funding to establish extended contracts for participating educators as part of the Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers (MOST) program.~~

~~—— (2) The purpose of this rule is to establish:~~

~~—— (a) conditions for the Superintendent to manage the MOST program;~~

~~—— (b) standards and procedures for an LEA to submit a proposal for MOST funding to develop and create MOST programs to enhance the LEA's ability to retain participating educators, offer more opportunities for students, and use capital facilities more effectively; and~~

~~—— (c) requirements associated with receiving MOST funding for a recipient LEA.~~

~~R277-492-2. Definitions.~~

~~—— (1) "LEA MOST proposal" means a written proposal, including components required by the Board, developed and submitted by an LEA applying for MOST funding.~~

~~—— (2) "MOST Program" means the grant program created in Section 53F-2-505.~~

~~—— (3) "Participating educator" means an educator who is qualified to teach mathematics or science in grades 7-12.~~

~~—— (4) "Regional Education Service Agency" or "RESA" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-4-410.~~

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~~_____ (5) "RESA MOST Proposal" means a written proposal, including components required by the Board, developed and submitted by a RESA applying for MOST base funds.~~

~~R277-492-3. MOST Proposal Criteria.~~

~~_____ (1) An LEA MOST proposal shall include:~~

~~_____ (a) a description of the programming the LEA intends to use MOST funds for;~~

~~_____ (b) a description of the challenges the LEA's proposed programming is intended to solve;~~

~~_____ (c) the intended benefits of the proposed MOST program, which shall align with the benefits described in Subsection 53F-2-505(2)(b);~~

~~_____ (d) an evaluation methodology for determining the efficacy of the program in meeting the intended benefits;~~

~~_____ (e) a signed statement of assurances, expressing the LEA's intent to adhere to MOST program statutory requirements; and~~

~~_____ (f) additional information as requested by the Superintendent.~~

~~_____ (2) During each grant cycle, the Superintendent shall allocate a base amount of funds to participating RESAs to achieve their proposed benefits on a regional scale.~~

~~_____ (3) A RESA MOST proposal shall include:~~

~~_____ (a) a description of the programming the RESA intends to use MOST funds for;~~

~~_____ (b) a description of the challenges the RESA's proposed programming is intended to solve;~~

~~_____ (c) the intended benefits of the proposed MOST program, which shall align with the benefits described in Subsection 53F-2-505(2)(b);~~

~~_____ (d) an evaluation methodology for determining the efficacy of the program in meeting the intended benefits;~~

~~_____ (e) a signed statement of assurances, expressing the RESA's intent to adhere to MOST program statutory requirements; and~~

~~_____ (f) additional information as requested by the Superintendent.~~

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~~R277-492-4. Superintendent Responsibilities.~~

- ~~—— (1) Subject to legislative appropriations, the Superintendent shall provide statewide supervision of the MOST program and budget, based on MOST intended benefits, and Board funding priorities.~~
- ~~—— (2) The Superintendent shall solicit proposals from LEAs and RESAs to participate in the MOST grant program.~~
- ~~—— (3)(a) In order to qualify for funding, an LEA or RESA shall submit a proposal to the Superintendent consistent with timelines established by the Superintendent.~~
- ~~—— (b) The Superintendent shall work with applicants that submit proposals early to improve proposals, to the extent of resource and time availability.~~
- ~~—— (4) The Superintendent shall receive all MOST proposals and rank them on an objective scale or rubric prepared by the Superintendent.~~
- ~~—— (5) The Superintendent may appoint a review panel, including representatives from Board staff and LEAs, to prioritize proposals and recommend proposals for funding.~~
- ~~—— (6) The review panel, the Superintendent, or both, shall consider the the unique circumstances of different rural, urban, large, small, growing and declining LEAs in recommending funding recipients.~~
- ~~—— (7) The Superintendent shall review recommendations, make final recommendations to the Board for funding, and notify applicants that they will receive funding no later than July 31 annually.~~
- ~~—— (8) The Superintendent shall provide funds to LEAs and RESAs consistent with Board distribution practices for grants.~~

~~R277-492-5. Final Decision-making and Reporting Requirements.~~

- ~~—— (1) The Board's decisions for MOST program funding are final.~~
- ~~—— (2)(a) A grant recipient shall provide requested data or information related to its MOST programming to the Superintendent each year by June 30.~~
- ~~—— (b) The Superintendent may request additional information if annual reports or student assessments indicate that MOST funding is being used ineffectively, for~~

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~~ineligible employees, or inconsistent with the proposal or the intent of the law or this rule.~~

~~———(3) The Superintendent may interrupt MOST funding to LEAs or RESAs that do not meet the timelines or do not provide complete information or evaluations required under this rule.~~

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~~**Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-401(4); 53F-2-505]**~~