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~~[R277-403. School Safety Pilot Program.~~

~~R277-403-1. Authority and Purpose.~~

- ~~—— (1) This rule is authorized by:~~
 - ~~—— (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;~~
 - ~~—— (b) Section 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and~~
- ~~—— (2) The purpose of this rule is to:~~
 - ~~—— (a) create the school safety pilot program;~~
 - ~~—— (b) establish grant eligibility requirements for the schools safety pilot program;~~
 - ~~—— (c) create an application process; and~~
 - ~~—— (d) establish reporting requirements.~~

~~R277-403-2. Definitions.~~

- ~~—— (1) "CSTAG" means the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines adopted by the board as the evidence-based school threat assessment tool.~~
- ~~—— (2) "SafeUT" means the same as the term is used in Subsection 53B-17-1202.~~

~~R277-403-3. Safe School Program—Eligibility and Application.~~

- ~~—— (1) Subject to legislative appropriation, an LEA may apply for a three-year school safety pilot program grant.~~
- ~~—— (2) An LEA's application shall contain the following:~~
 - ~~—— (a) a budget proposal for the use of funds including how the LEA will increase school safety measures;~~
 - ~~—— (b) a narrative as to why the LEA should be selected for the school safety pilot program including:~~
 - ~~—— (i) number of disciplinary actions;~~
 - ~~—— (ii) number of threatening behaviors; and~~
 - ~~—— (iii) other evidence demonstrating need.~~

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- ~~_____ (c) which school within the LEA will participate in the school safety pilot program;~~
- ~~_____ (d) how many staff members within the LEA are trained in CSTAG;~~
- ~~_____ (e) if the participating school within the LEA has a multi-disciplinary team; and~~
- ~~_____ (f) evidence of the LEA's participating school's:~~
 - ~~_____ (i) relationship with local law enforcement;~~
 - ~~_____ (ii) relationship with the local mental health authority; and~~
 - ~~_____ (iii) implementation of SafeUT;~~
- ~~_____ (3) An LEA's application shall be scored and ranked based upon the following:~~
 - ~~_____ (a) the quality of the LEA's overall budget proposal and application as described in Subsection (2); and~~
 - ~~_____ (b) an LEA's participating school's geographic and student diversity including:~~
 - ~~_____ (i) urban student settings;~~
 - ~~_____ (ii) suburban student settings; and~~
 - ~~_____ (iii) rural student settings.~~
- ~~_____ (4) The Superintendent may choose which school shall be the participating school if more than one school is prioritized by the LEA to participate.~~

~~R277-403-4. Performance Measures and Reporting.~~

- ~~_____ (1) An LEA that receives a school safety pilot program grant shall:~~
 - ~~_____ (a) complete a conditions and resources assessment to create a school safety measurement baseline;~~
 - ~~_____ (b) hold a semi-annual meeting with the Superintendent to discuss implementation and progress of the school safety pilot program within the LEA;~~
 - ~~_____ (c) attend professional development opportunities provided by the Superintendent; and~~
 - ~~_____ (d) share relevant aggregated school safety measure as requested by the Superintendent.~~
- ~~_____ (2) An LEA shall submit to the Superintendent an annual progress report by the date and in a manner prescribed by the Superintendent.~~

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~~—— (3) The annual progress report shall report on all performance measures and data requested by the Superintendent.~~

~~—— (4) If an LEA that receives a school safety pilot program is found to be non-compliant with state law, the LEA shall be removed from the remainder of the three-year pilot program.~~

~~R277-403-5. Distribution and Use of Funds.~~

~~—— (1) An LEA may receive up to the LEA's requested amount not to exceed \$37,500 annually for up to three years on a reimbursement basis for one participating school.~~

~~—— (2) An LEA shall use funds only for the purposes specified in the LEA's budget provided in the LEA's application.~~

~~—— (3) An LEA may submit a request to amend the LEA's budget proposal to the Superintendent.~~

~~—— (4) An LEA may not use funds for:~~

~~—— (a) purchase of property;~~

~~—— (b) new equipment;~~

~~—— (c) supplanting existing funding from any source;~~

~~—— (d) salaries and benefits of any employee;~~

~~—— (e) maintenance of current equipment; or~~

~~—— (f) travel expenses unless for approved out of state professional development.~~

~~KEY: school safety, grant program, pilot~~

~~Date of Last Change: November 10, 2020~~

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