



Wishing you a joyful new year! Cheers to another exciting year of partnership and collaboration to make a positive impact on Utah's families. Looking forward to the journey ahead!

Indicator 8 Reports are Ready!

If your LEA participated in the 2022-2023 Indicator 8 survey cycle, your reports are ready for download and review in UIPS.

LEAS should be aware of their report results. These results should be discussed and reviewed by the Special Education Director, Special Education Teachers, and paraprofessionals

As a state, there is so much we can learn from the Indicator 8 survey. State trends indicated:

Parents want a higher frequency of communication and more personalized communication as highlighted by the state response of an overall 73.8%

supporting students who receive special education services. Additionally, general education teachers and additional administrators should also provide input on how the report can inform the ways the LEA is supporting students receiving special education services and their families. Local review can help to identify future goals, shifts in strategies, and areas to focus on as LEAs develop their school improvement plans for the following year.

If you are unable to find your report please email susie.estrada@schools.utah.gov

The 2023-24 cycle will receive a welcome email with instructions soon.

positive response rate for the communication scale (a 4 to 9 point difference when compared to the other three scales).

Specific recommendations:

- Follow up from teachers and/or administrators for parental questions or concerns.
- Be explicit in your feedback or examples of ways parental input is incorporated into a student's school day.
- Schedule times to do individual check-ins with families via their preferred method of contact (ask families what method of contact best meets their needs).
- Provide specific updates related to a student's goals and also personal observations.

Opportunity Alert

CF Leads and Welcoming America are jointly offering community foundations the opportunity to [apply to participate in a Community of Practice](#). The Community of Practice will:

- ◆ Meet virtually three times in 2024:
 - March 12, 2024: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Eastern
 - May 7, 2024: 1-2:30 p.m. Eastern

- June 11, 2024: 1-2:30 p.m. Eastern
- Meet in person on April 10, 2024 at the Welcoming Interactive in Dallas.
- Attend the Welcoming Interactive in Dallas from April 10-12, 2024.
 - The Welcoming Interactive is an annual conference that highlights successful practices and inspiring stories about immigrant inclusion, programs, policies, and partnerships on economic development, civic engagement, government leadership, and more. Attendees learn about local innovations from peer communities and come away with new ideas and energy to foster welcoming places for all.

The Welcoming Interactive conference fee will be waived for each community foundation participant in the Community of Practice. Each community foundation will also receive a travel stipend of \$1,400.

An informational webinar will be held on January 9, 2024. Please [register here](#).

2024 Back to Basic's Family and Community Engagement Training

The Utah State Board of Education will be hosting its third Back to Basics, Family and Community Engagement training session on January 19, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Lunch is not provided although there is quick and easy access to a variety of food options in the area.

This training is a repeat of the previous two trainings and is meant for those who are looking for an introductory level course to family and community engagement.

The training will be hosted at the South Salt Lake Community Center, previously called the Columbus Center, at 2531 South 400 East, South Salt Lake in Classroom 110 within the Co-Op Office.

Participants must register [here](#) and will receive a confirmation email within two weeks.

Feedback Requested

Family and Community Engagement Workgroup

The USBE has developed a Family and Community Engagement rubric to help LEAs self-reflect and incorporate their findings into their school improvement plans. We are looking for individuals who would be interested in providing feedback on this tool before it is officially released. Please [complete this interest form](#) if you would like to participate.

Opportunity for Spanish-speaking Families!

The Utah Parent Center and the Utah State Board of Education are working together to identify what changes should be made to the Indicator 8 survey questions to help increase survey response rates. Please [share this link](#) with your Spanish-speaking families so that they can sign up to participate in this focus group.

It's official! Registration is now open for the 2024 National Community Schools & Family Engagement Conference.



Never been to CSxFE before? Watch the video below to see what all the fuss is about! <https://youtu.be/0TNHT77yoIM>

Starting May 29th, 2024 at IEL's National Community Schools and Family Engagement Conference, you'll have the opportunity to learn and engage in pre-conferences, plenaries, workshops, state-based

networking sessions, a block party, and much more! To get more information and register, visit <https://bit.ly/csxfe24>

Do you have something you want to celebrate?

Email: susie.estrada@schools.utah.gov

Include a description of your celebration and a picture of what would best represent your celebration. If the picture is of a person, a media release form is required and will be supplied upon request.



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