

NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 33,000 students in 2018-2019.
- Nebo District has approximately 4,500 employees.
- Nebo District is the 6th largest district in Utah.
- Nebo District is the 5th largest employer in Utah County.

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Superintendent's Message: Christmas Thought

O. Henry's short story, "The Gift of the Magi," has long been one of my favorite Christmas stories. You will remember that "Mr. James Dillingham Young and his wife, Della, are a couple living in a modest apartment.

"On Christmas night, with only \$1.87 in hand, and desperate to find a gift for Jim, Della sells her hair for \$20 ... and eventually finds a platinum pocket watch fob chain for Jim's watch for \$21 and she was satisfied with the perfect gift she got for Jim.

"At 7 o'clock, Della sits at a table near the door, waiting for Jim to come home. Unusually late, Jim walks in and immediately stops short at the sight of Della, who had previously prayed that she was still pretty to Jim. Della then admits to Jim that she sold her hair to buy him his present. Jim gives Della her present – an assortment of combs, useless now that her hair is shortened. Della then shows Jim the chain she bought for him, to which Jim says he sold his watch to get

the money to buy her ornamental combs" (Wikipedia, The Gift of the Magi).

In conclusion to the story, O. Henry wisely declares:

"The magi, as you know, were wise men—wonderfully wise men—who brought gifts to the newborn Christ-child. They were the first to give Christmas gifts. Being wise, their gifts were doubtless wise ones.



And here I have told you the story of two children who were not wise. Each sold the most valuable thing he owned in order to buy a gift for the other. But let me speak a last word to the wise of these days: **Of all who give gifts, these two were the**

most wise. Of all who give and receive gifts, such as they are the most wise.

Everywhere they are the wise ones. They are the magi." (O. Henry, "The Gift of the Magi," p. 6).

What an honor and a privilege to serve among you - modern day magi. The gifts you bring to the children today are of greatest worth: your talents, time, and treasures. I wish you the best this holiday season and thank you for selflessly giving priceless gifts.

Merry Christmas!

Nebo Wellness Program

"Thank you to all of you for your positive support of the Nebo Wellness Program. It has been fun watching each location 'step' together and enjoy a little friendly rivalry along the way. We have some exciting things in store for Nebo Wellness in the new year!" Ryan Kay & John Allan.

Dates to Celebrate:

- Dec. 1
Rosa Parks Day
Recognizing an important event in the civil rights movement
- Dec. 3
International Day for People with Disabilities
- Dec. 4
World Wildlife Conservation Day
- Dec. 5
International Volunteer Day
- Dec. 7
Pearl Harbor Day
Remembrance Day
- Dec. 10
Human Rights Day
Anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948
- International Animal Rights Day
- Dec. 15
Bill of Rights
The first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution were ratified on this day in 1791.
- Dec. 17
Anniversary of the Wright Brothers' Flight
- Dec. 21
First Day of Winter
- Dec. 25
Christmas Day



Nebo School District Christmas Card Winners

First Place: Adriene Wilde, Twelfth Grade, Payson High;
Teacher: Karen Pena
Cover for 2018 Nebo School District Christmas card



Second Place: McKenzie Gladding, Eleventh Grade, Spanish Fork High;
Teacher: Kathryn Roberts
Cover for 2018 Nebo Education Foundation Christmas card



Third Place: Ruby Campbell, Twelfth Grade, Spanish Fork High;
Teacher: Kathryn Roberts



Thank you for Your Support of the Nebo Bond

On behalf of the students, School Board, and community members of Nebo School District, we express our profound and sincere appreciation for your tremendous efforts in support of the Nebo District Bond. Your vote mattered and made a difference. Employee and community support was crucial to the success of being able to build new schools for students. We sincerely appreciate all the time and effort you personally put in on your own time for the bond success. These future new schools will be tremendous assets to the students and community.

SCHOOL	AREA	START	OPEN
Valley View Middle	SHHS Area	Spring 2019	Fall 2020
Maple Grove Middle	MMHS Area	Spring 2020	Fall 2021
Spring Canyon Middle	SHS Area	Spring 2020	Fall 2021
Rebuild High School A	PHS, SFHS, or SHS	Spring 2022	Fall 2024
Rebuild High School B	PHS, SFHS, or SHS	Spring 2023	Fall 2025
Rebuild High School C	PHS, SFHS, or SHS	Spring 2024	Fall 2026

Nebo School District Wins State Energy Award

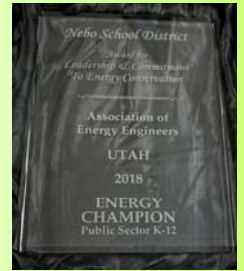
The Association of Energy Engineers awarded Nebo School District, including Energy Specialists Bodie Bradley and Russell Maughan, an Energy Champion Award for their commitment to energy efficiency through equipment, lighting, and controls upgrades.

Since partnering with Cenergistic, Nebo School District added 700,000 square feet of building space without increasing the utility budget. In addition, Nebo District experienced a 28 percent reduction in its electrical usage and 25 percent overall reduction in utility costs.

"One of our main focuses this last year has been upgrading building automation controls," Russell Maughan said, "including making energy-efficient equipment and lighting upgrades and changing a lot of the programming and sequencing to reduce energy waste. As a result, especially in the junior highs and high schools, we have seen positive changes in cost reduction and reducing the school district's carbon footprint."

Bodie Bradley said, "With the goal to reduce energy consumption and make things more efficient in Nebo School District, the maintenance and custodial departments were extremely supportive in helping achieve positive results. It is a team effort." Bodie continued, "We will continue to hit our goals by keeping utility costs as low as possible while trying to maintain a comfortable learning environment."

"There is no question that with Russell Maughan and Bodie Bradley, we have two of the best energy conservation specialists not only in the state of Utah, but also in the entire United States. Not only are they aware of best practices when it comes to energy conservation, but they are also very good in their interpersonal skills and their relationships with other people," stated Superintendent Nielsen. "Nebo School District believes in being responsible members of the community and in making responsible decisions with finances."



November 2018 PEAK Awards

To read the nomination submissions, go to November 2018 PEAK Awards: <http://www.nebo.edu/news/2615>. To submit a PEAK Award nomination, go to employee page and scroll down, or go to: www.nebo.edu/PEAK.



Nominated by: Eric Hyer
 PEAK Award: Cheryl Davis, Secretary, MMHS
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Colleen Wilson & Jesse Sorenson
 PEAK Award: Ingrid Bolz, Teacher, Payson Junior
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Lee Gillie & Brett White
 PEAK Award: Liz Worthen, Secretary, SHHS
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Lindsay Leman & Katharine Anderson
 PEAK Award: Maridan Jensen, Teacher, Westside Elem.
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Morgan Phelps
 PEAK Award: Marilyn Frazier, Technician, Bridges
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Jenna Fagergren Lambert & Megann McKendrick
 PEAK Award: Ryan Rigby, Teacher, Spanish Oaks Elem.
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts

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Nebo

Hero

Fall Academic All-State Teams 2018-19



Girls' Soccer

Kaitlyn Brooks, Maple Mountain High
 Madisyn Frischknecht, Maple Mountain High
 Samantha Nobuhara, Maple Mountain High
 Reilly Rogers, Maple Mountain High
 Erika Webster, Maple Mountain High
 Mayzie Brunson, Springville High
 Alexis Griggs, Springville High
 Abigail Smith, Springville High
 Mauria Blauer, Payson High
 Madeline Mitchell, Payson High
 Ambria Rowley, Payson High
 Ericka Stone, Payson High
 Brynn Eyre, Salem Hills High
 Jennah Lee, Salem Hills High
 Josie Nelson, Salem Hills High
 Tiffany Nelson, Salem Hills High
 Alexa Nielson, Salem Hills High
 Kelsey Parcell, Salem Hills High
 Emily Stevens, Salem Hills High
 Jennie Strong, Salem Hills High
 AnnaBelle Buck, Spanish Fork High
 Ashtyn Harrison, Spanish Fork High
 Erica Orton, Spanish Fork High
 Brylee Rudd, Spanish Fork High
 Sadie Stutz, Spanish Fork High

Volleyball

Kallysta Strong, Springville High
 Anika Teemant, Payson High
 Hailey Cuff, Salem Hills High
 Emma Argyle, Spanish Fork High
 Julia Hult, Spanish Fork High

Boys' Golf

Jaxon Wilkinson, Springville High
 Brennan Jensen, Payson High
 Brandon Mayo, Salem Hills High

Boys' Cross Country

Tanner Maingot, Maple Mountain High
 Caleb Gardner, Springville High
 Grant Gardner, Springville High
 Isaac Hodson, Springville High
 Carter Paxton, Springville High

Girls' Tennis

Savannah Cochran, Springville High
 Sydney DeGraw, Payson High
 Sable Saunders, Payson High
 Thobeka Talbot, Payson High

Girls' Cross Country

Kelcie Richmond, Maple Mountain High
 Melody Anderson, Springville High
 Mariah Skinner, Springville High
 Ashley White, Springville High
 Rebecca Cromar, Salem Hills High
 Kaelyn Fusselman, Salem Hills High
 Aubrey Snow, Salem Hills High
 Savannah Johnson, Payson High

Football

Cole Christensen, Maple Mountain
 Cameron Dorny, Maple Mountain High
 Jesse Harness, Maple Mountain High
 Austin Olsen, Maple Mountain High
 Herbert Wright, Maple Mountain High
 Damon Kinder, Payson High
 Brock Sorensen, Payson High
 Brayden Biesinger, Salem Hills High
 Blake Hofheins, Salem Hills High
 Benjamin Boyack, Spanish Fork High