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Nebo News



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NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has over 31,000 students 2013-2014.
- Nebo District has over 3,500 employees.
- Nebo District is the 6th largest district in Utah.
- Nebo District is the 5th largest employer in Utah County.

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Opening Institute Speaker Announced

You may remember the Superintendent's message in the January Nebo News. It highlighted many customer relations tips including points from the book "Lessons from the Mouse" by Dennis Snow. Because of the positive feedback we received from this issue, author Dennis Snow will be coming to present to Nebo District employees at our Opening Institute on Thursday, August 14.

Mr. Snow will customize his training for Nebo Employees. If you would like to read articles from Mr. Snow, they can be found at www.snowassociates.com.



Legislation

Did you know . . .

This year alone there have been 1,216 requests for legislation. Of those, 595 bills have been numbered, 314 have been dropped, and 257 are still being drafted.

Approximately 90 of those bills introduced directly affect public education. The number of education bills exceeds any other entity. To follow Legislation Bills you may be interested in, go to the Utah State Legislature website at <http://le.utah.gov/>

To follow the **Utah State Board of Education's Tracking Sheet** for education bills, click on:

<http://www.schools.utah.gov/law/Legislative-Session.aspx>

Click on Legislative Tracking Sheet

Go to page 2 for a sample list of Legislative Bills that Affect Education.

Please remember to encourage parents and students to

LIKE Nebo School District on Facebook &

FOLLOW @NeboDistrict on Twitter.

To participate in the

"Where Are We Wednesday?" Challenge

sponsored by Wiggy Wash, Go to www.nebo.edu

Wellness Classes

March 12, "Good Nutrition on the Go" — 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. District Office Board Room or

March 26, "Good Nutrition on the Go" — 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Diamond Fork Junior

April 16, "Keeping Healthy with Busy Lifestyle" — 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. District Office Board Room or

April 30, "Keeping Healthy with Busy Lifestyle" — 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Diamond Fork Junior

For more information, check with the Human Resource Department.

Dates to Celebrate

March 1-31
 Music in Our Schools Month
 Youth Art Month
 Youth Science Month
 National Nutrition Month
Theme: "Enjoy the taste of eating right"

March 2
 Read Across America
 Dr. Seuss's Birthday

March 3-7
 National School Breakfast
 Newspapers in Schools Wk

March 4
 Peace Corps Day

March 5
 Ash Wednesday

March 6
 World Book Day

March 8
 Family Genealogy Day

March 9
 Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 17
 St. Patrick's Day

March 17-23
 Poison Prevention Week
 World Folk Tales and Fables

March 20
 First Day of Spring

March 23
 World Meteorological Day

March 25
 National Agriculture Day

Legislative Bills that Affect Education

Legislative Support

<u>Executive Appropriations</u>	Nebo supports and has requested funding for enrollment growth, WPU (2.5%), Professional Development, and Capital Funding.
<u>HB 223</u>	Nebo supports nonpartisan elections of school board members.
<u>SB 101</u>	The state evaluation initiative has been much more complex than anticipated, and this bill simply extends implementation timeline.

Legislative Interest

<u>HB 131</u>	The concept of a 1:1 technology initiative with supporting professional development and infrastructure is very intriguing. Nebo hopes it would be funded with new money to education.
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Legislative Concern

<u>HB 077</u>	This takes funding away from public schools by giving a tax credit for home schooling.
<u>HB 342</u>	This is an anti-common core bill that would require a rewrite of the language arts and math standards.
<u>SB 157</u>	This requires principals to take on additional responsibilities without new resources.
<u>SB 183</u>	This bill would require using NAEP standards for statewide testing. NAEP scores are developed for ranking, not checking on student proficiency.
<u>SB 202</u>	This bill hurts Nebo. Our local charters are already funded at the state average, and Nebo is the lowest funded district.

March 18, Democrat Caucuses
<http://www.utahdemocrats.org/>
March 20, Republican Caucuses
<http://www.utgop.org/>

Administrative Appointments



Suzanne Kimball
 Coordinator of Employee Support



Robert Fleming
 Principal Salem Junior High



Dwight Liddiard
 Principal Spanish Fork Junior



Celeste Gledhill
 Principal East Meadows Elementary



Julie Peery
 Principal Mapleton Elementary



Shanna Stirland
 Principal Park View Elementary



Mark Bake
 Assistant Principal
 Diamond Fork Junior High



Nate Whitney
 Assistant Principal
 Spanish Fork Junior High

Nebo School Board of Education Receives Recognition

The Nebo School Board of Education received the Five Star Master Boards Award for the second consecutive year in a row.

Governor Gary Herbert stated, "It is my pleasure as Governor to congratulate you for receiving the Five Star Master Boards Award in 2013. This achievement demonstrates not only your personal commitment to excellence in educational leadership in Utah's public schools but also your dedication to our children and their future."

The following areas are how the Boards of Education are selected:

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Continuous improvement is about paying attention to the quality of what we do to ensure student learning.

ADVOCACY

School boards should be advocates for public education.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

School boards should foster good relations with stakeholders in the district community.

Collaboration occurs when people come together to solve problems or create new and better ways of achieving desired results based on trust and mutual respect.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Local school boards are held accountable for student performance, fiscal responsibility and commitments made to the state and community.



FOUNDATION OF EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

School Boards provide the leadership through governance that will create the conditions under which excellent student achievement can be attained. Boards should set the model for excellence.

Retirement luncheon for all retirees on May 7, at 12:00. If you are planning on retiring, please make an appointment with Allen or Sandra in the Human Resource Department at 801.354.7414.

February PEAK Awards



Nominator Teresa Gordon
PEAK Award Terri Hales, Transportation, Oakridge
Superintendent Rick Nielsen
School Board President Rick Ainge



Nominator Morgan Bulkeley
PEAK Award Brent Coffman, Psychologist, Orchard Hills Elementary
Superintendent Rick Nielsen
School Board President Rick Ainge



Nominators Christine Beardall & Megan Langford
PEAK Award Malynda Tolbert, Teacher, Salem Hills High
Superintendent Rick Nielsen
School Board President Rick Ainge



Nominator Mike Sorensen
PEAK Award Karen Leavitt, Facilitator, Taylor Elementary
Superintendent Rick Nielsen
School Board President Rick Ainge



Nominators Shellie Anderson & Linda Hanks
PEAK Award Diane Hamilton, Teacher, Springville Junior
Superintendent Rick Nielsen
School Board President Rick Ainge



Nominator Shannon Acor
PEAK Award Sandy Jorgensen, Secretary, Advanced Learning Center
Superintendent Rick Nielsen
School Board President Rick Ainge



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If your successes are not listed above, please get awards to iana.hiskey@nebo.edu with Award Nebo News in the subject line. (I may pull items off your school website if time permits.)

Nebo's Mission

is to provide each student with quality instruction, learning opportunities, and educational environments which inspire classroom success, personal excellence, and responsible citizenship.

Nebo District's Celebrations

Sterling Scholars 2013-14

Springville High

Mathematics: Jeremy Anderson
English: Christopher Taylor
World Languages: Alexis Fisher
Computer Technology: Morgan Sutterfield
Social Science: Matt Niu
Science: Eric Harrison
Instrumental Music: Aaron Stoddard
Vocal Performance: Katya Wagstaff
Visual Arts: Andre Parkinson
Dance: Madison Monson
Business & Marketing Education: Tanner White
Skilled & Technical: Jacob Buhler
Family and Consumer Science: Lindsay Haupt

Spanish Fork High

Mathematics: Jonathan DeYoung
English: Kenneth Paul White
World Languages: Jeremy Thacker
Social Science: Jared Dixon
Science: Jace Parkinson
Vocal Performance: Mandee Dillman
Visual Arts: Matthew Gubler
Dance: Audrey Parry
Instrumental Music: Karalyn Lewis
Business & Marketing: Nathan Von Christiansen
Skilled & Technical: Colton K. Christensen
Family & Consumer Science: Taylor Berns
Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: Kayla Koyle

Maple Mountain High

Mathematics: Nathan Clawson
English: Tanner Henry
World Languages: Dallin Miller
Computer Technology: Christian Taylor
Science: Jared Clark
Social Science: Brenda Quintana
Instrumental Music: Nathan Hurst
Vocal Performance: Lydia Ames
Visual Arts: Rachel Everett
Dance: Whitney Johns

Maple Mountain High cont.

Business & Marketing: Rebekkah Hart
Skilled & Technical Sciences: Tucker Lund
Family & Consumer Sciences: Chelsey Sorensen
Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: Beatriz Melo

Salem Hills High

Mathematics: Suzie Rhodes
English: Sarah Riley
World Languages: Sierra Davis
Computer Technology: Jeff Royslance
Social Science: Westley Cook
Science: James Carrington
Instrumental Music: Josh Mason
Vocal Performance: Maddy Shearer
Visual Arts: McKenna Nelson
Dance: Savannah Phelps
Business & Marketing: Ben Watkin
Skilled & Technical Ed: Chase Dietz
Family & Consumer Sciences: Milani Lau
Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: Hayden Berg

Payson High

Mathematics: Noah Quist
English: Jamie Finch
World Languages: Ciera Lundberg
Computer Technology: Alex Parker
Science: Zach Ethridge
Social Science: Shelby Blauer
Instrumental Music: Abigail Bennion
Vocal Performance: David Green
Visual Arts: Camery Victor
Dance: Anna Fordiani
Business & Marketing: Rebecca Brown
Skilled & Technical Sciences: Kelsey Martin
Family & Consumer Science: Nicole Kunzler
Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics: McKenna Stewart

Other Celebrations:

Amelia Weight, SHHS, wins "Make it with Wool" at the State and National levels.

Westley Cook, SHHS, **Misty Packer**, MMHS, & **Kalee Doyl**, PHS, Poetry Out Loud Participants

Chad Argyle, Principal at Santaquin Elementary, received Santaquin Firefighter of the Year